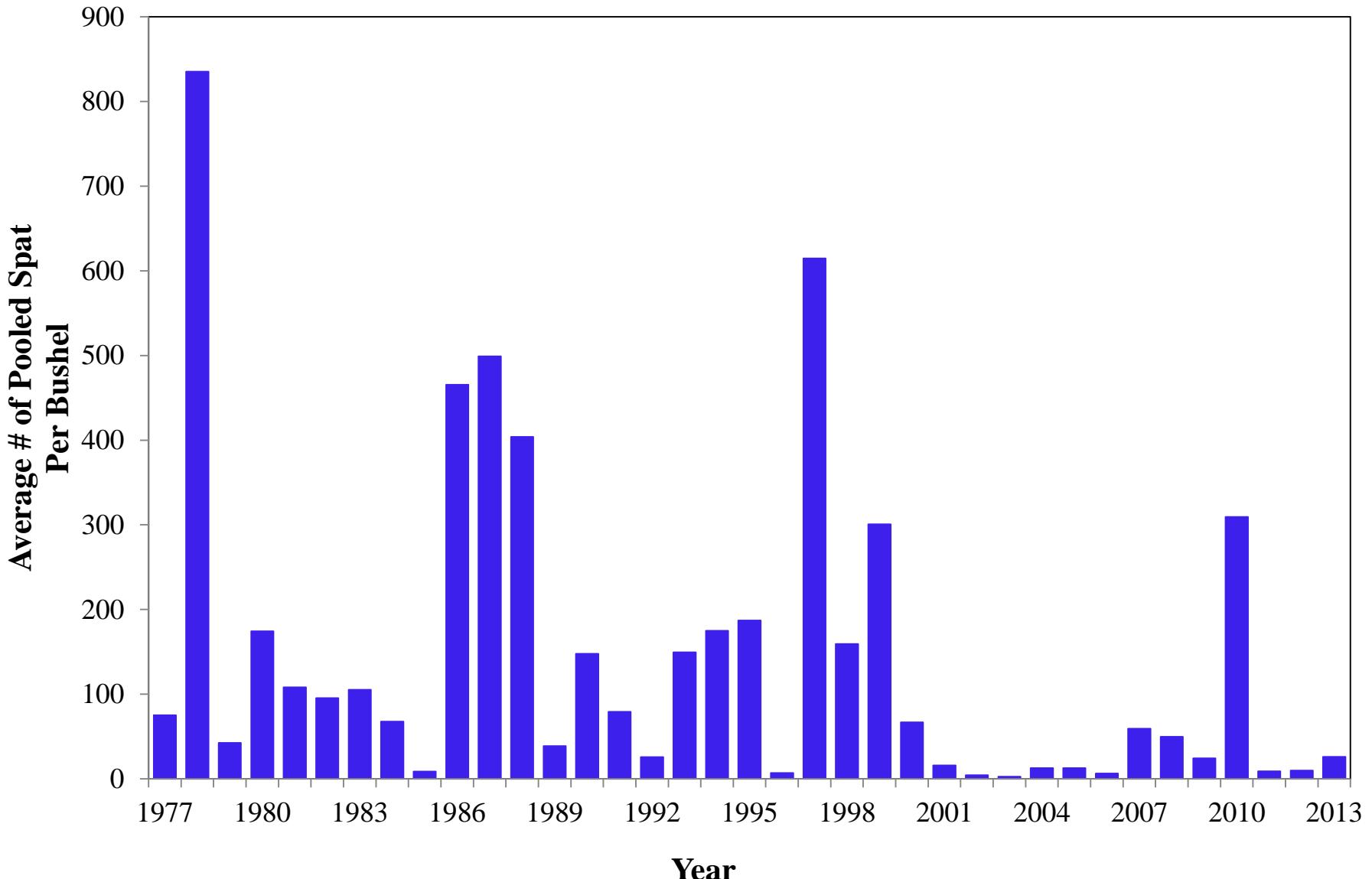


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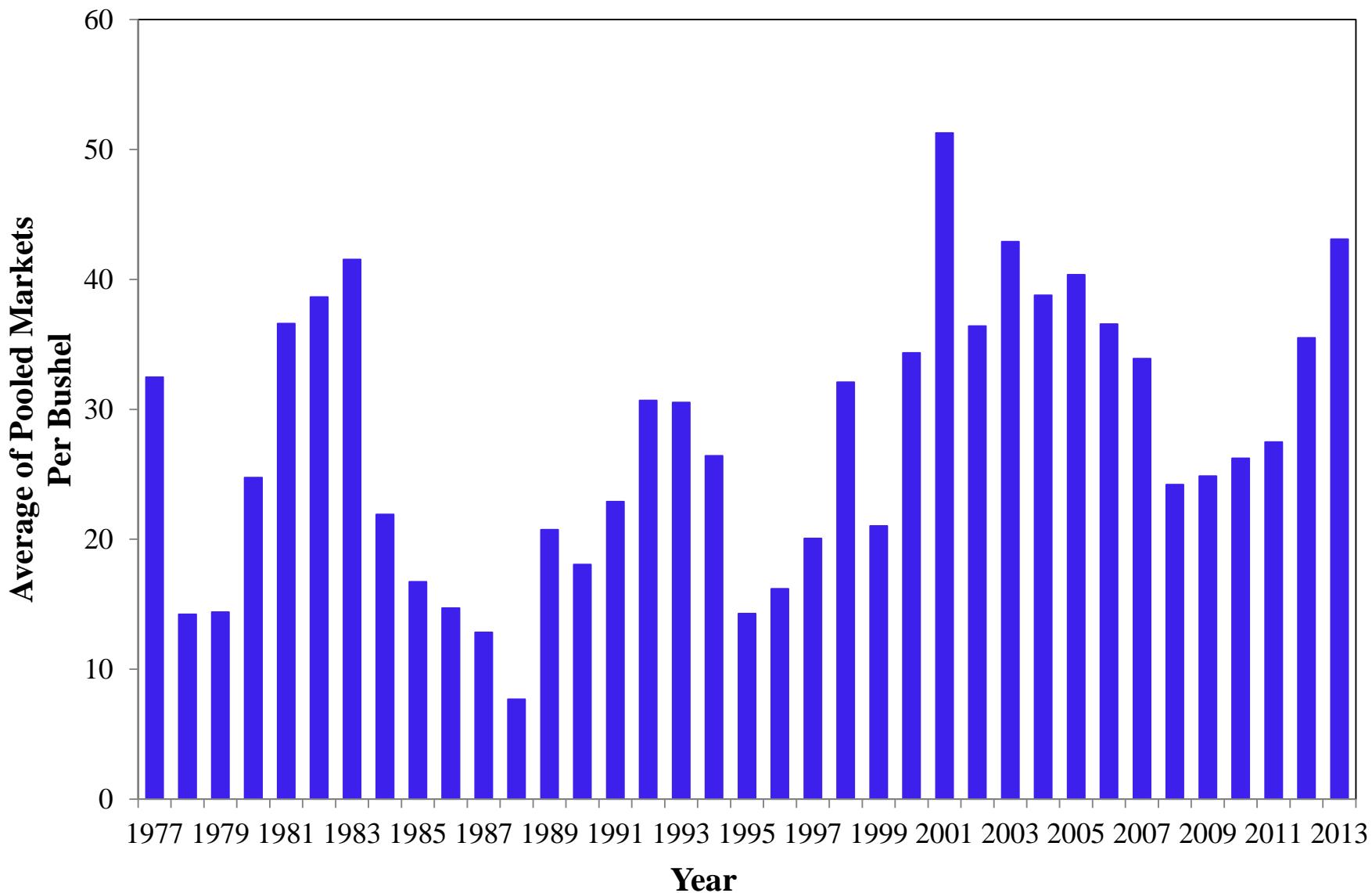


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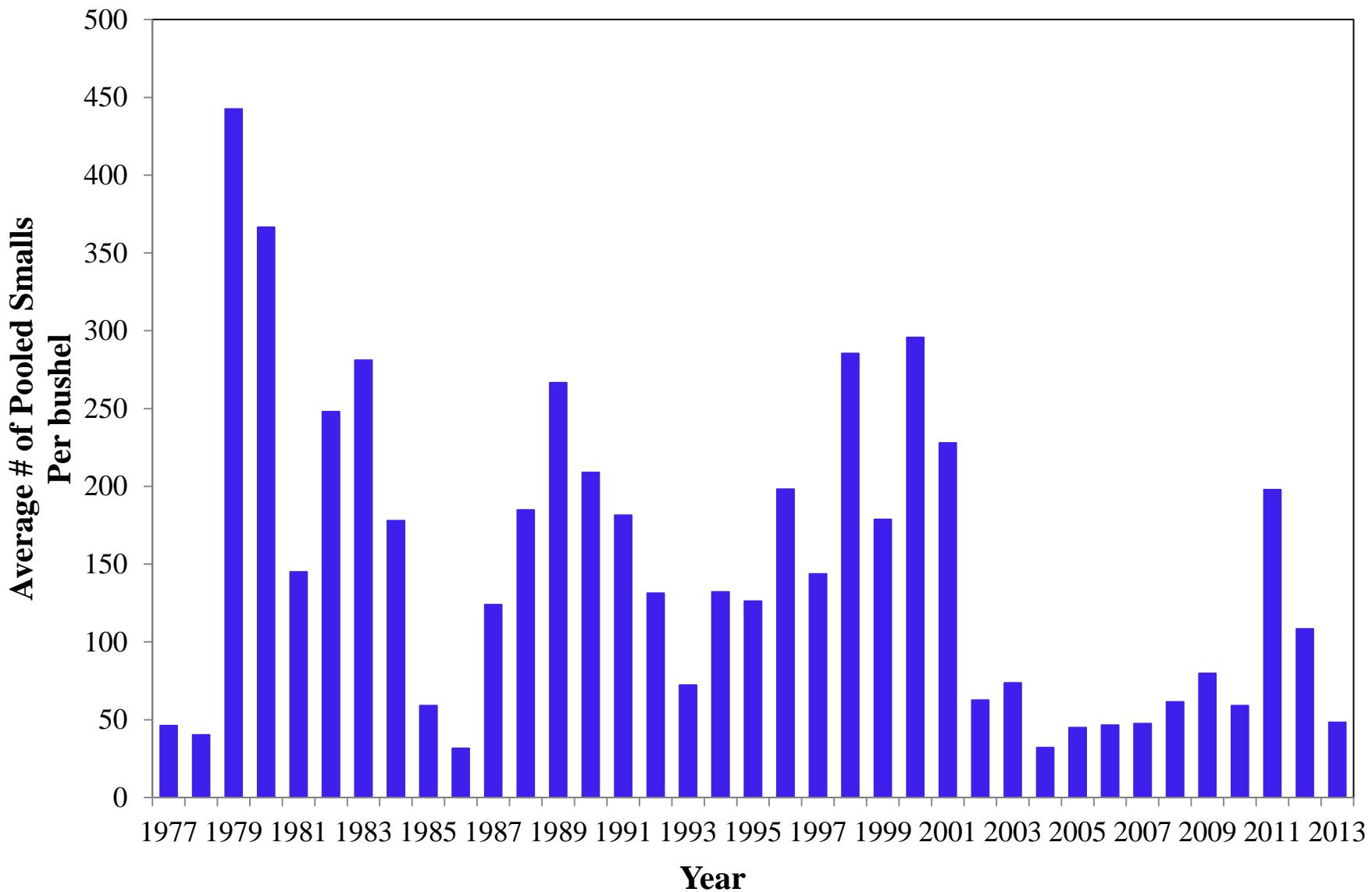
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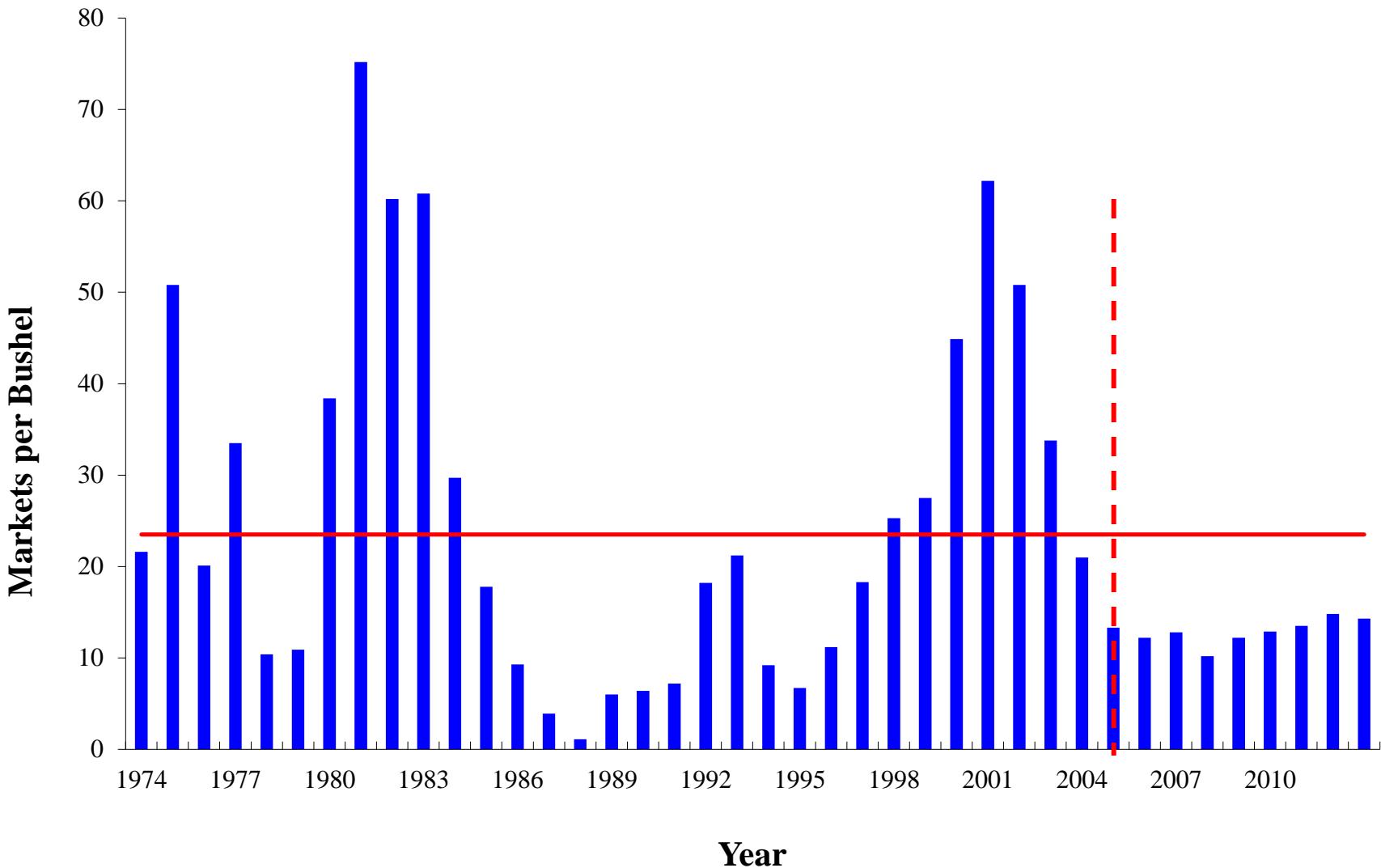
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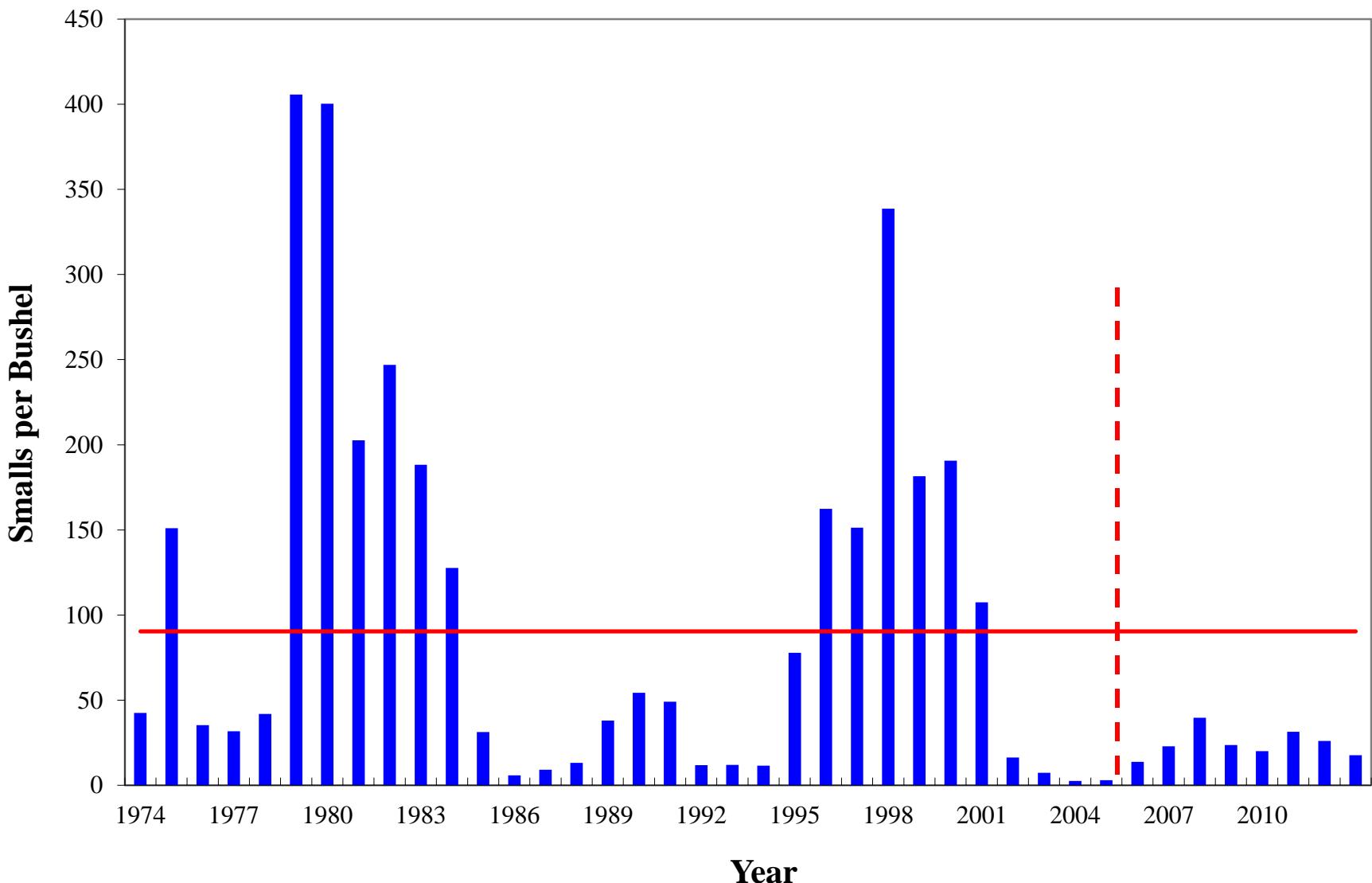
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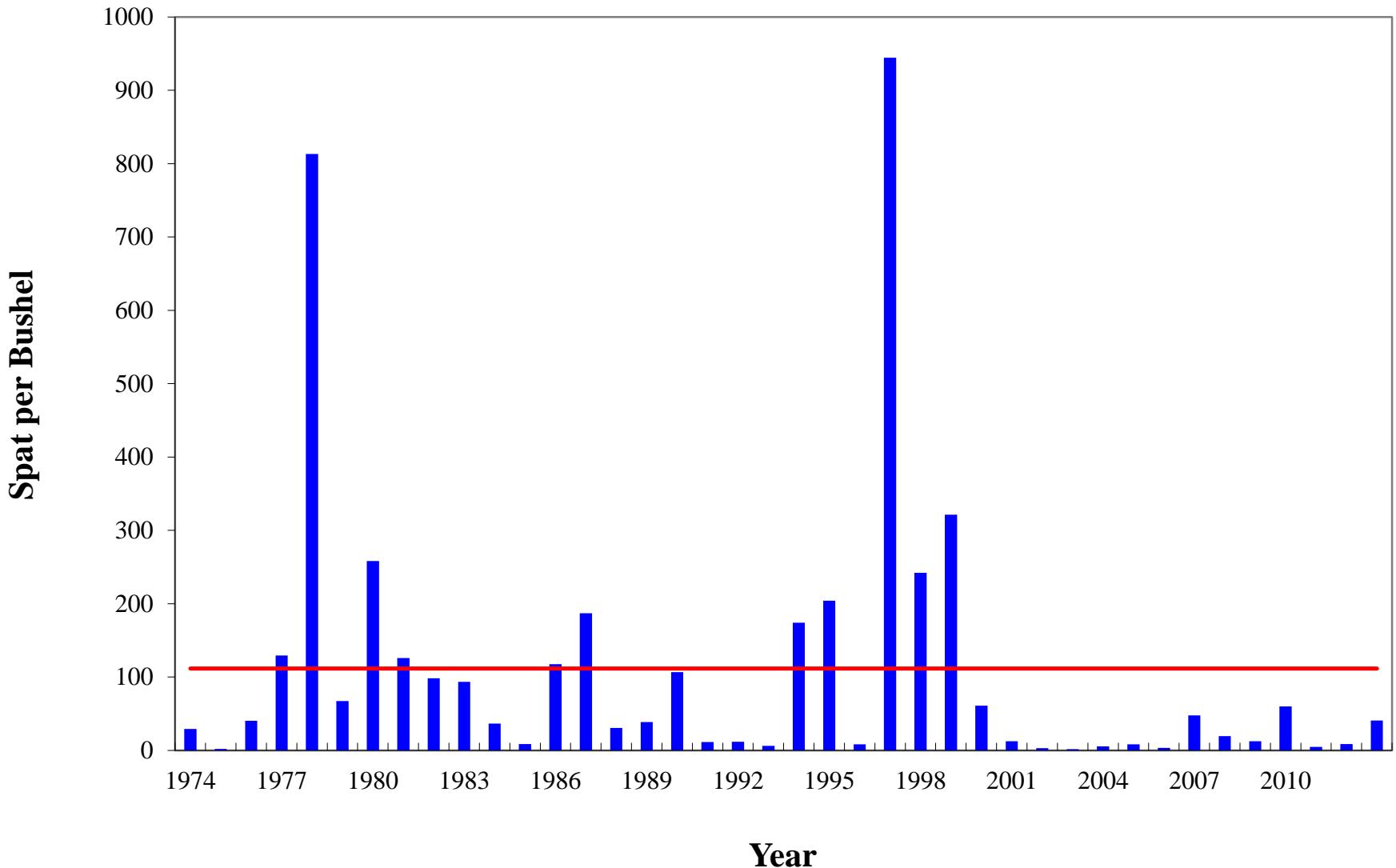
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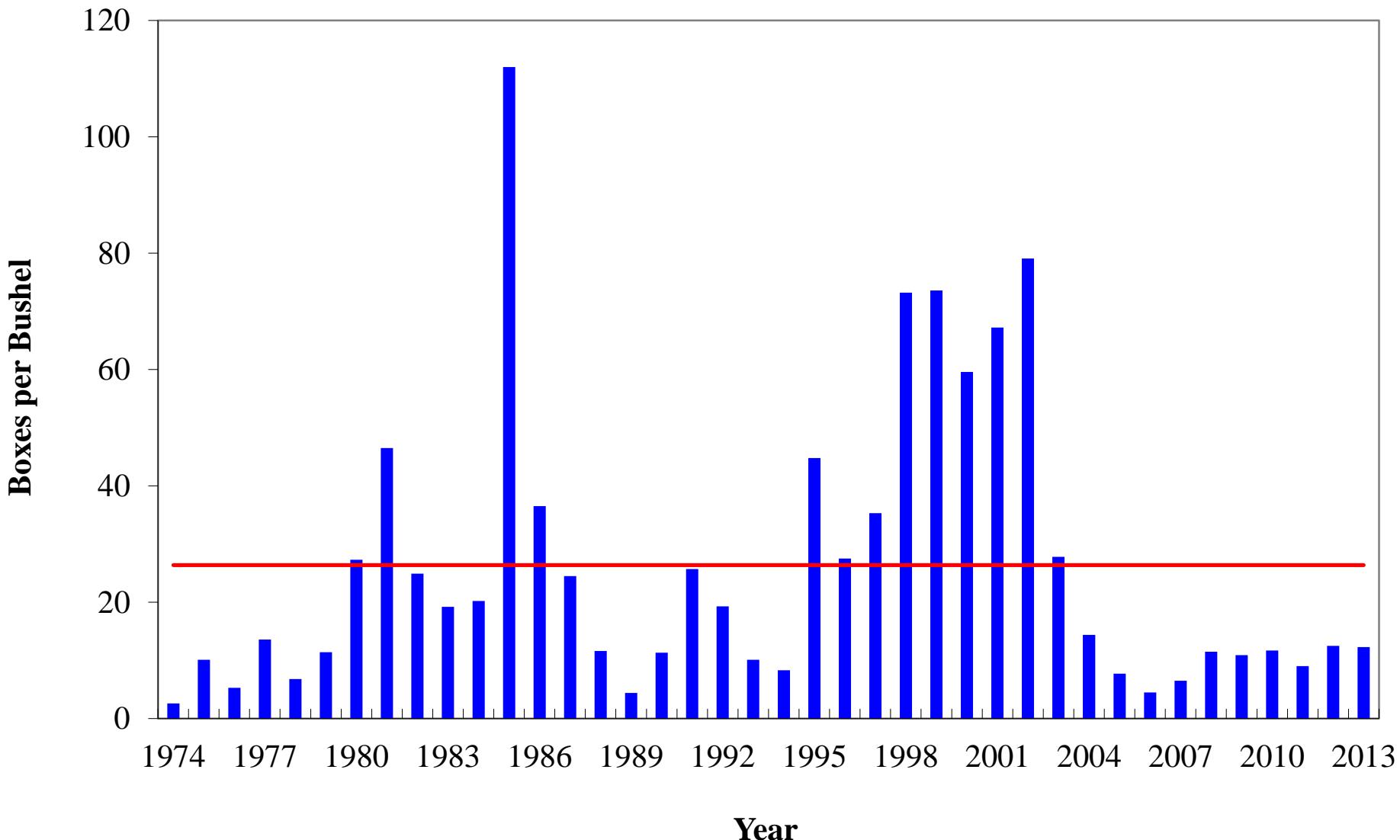
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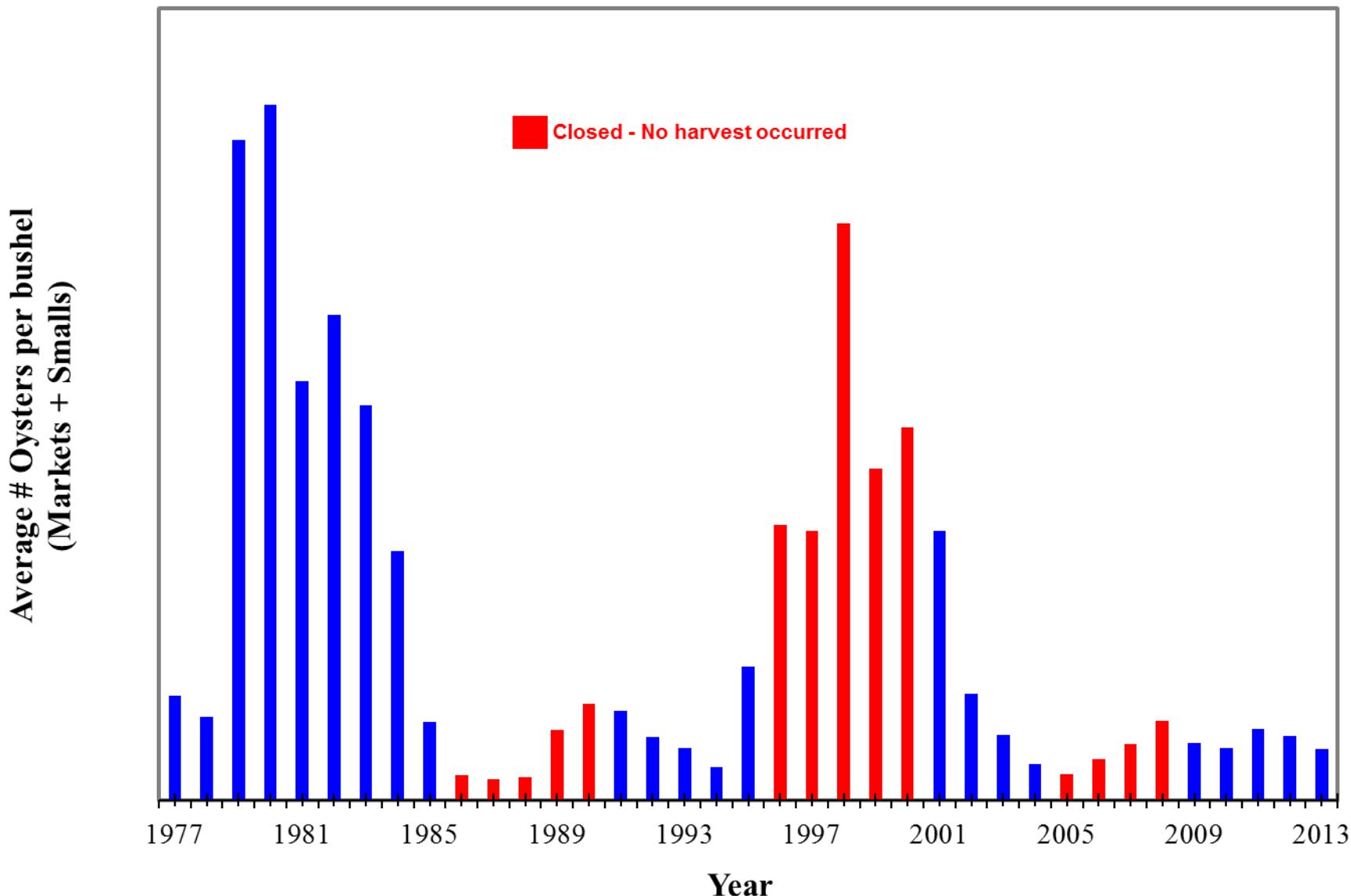
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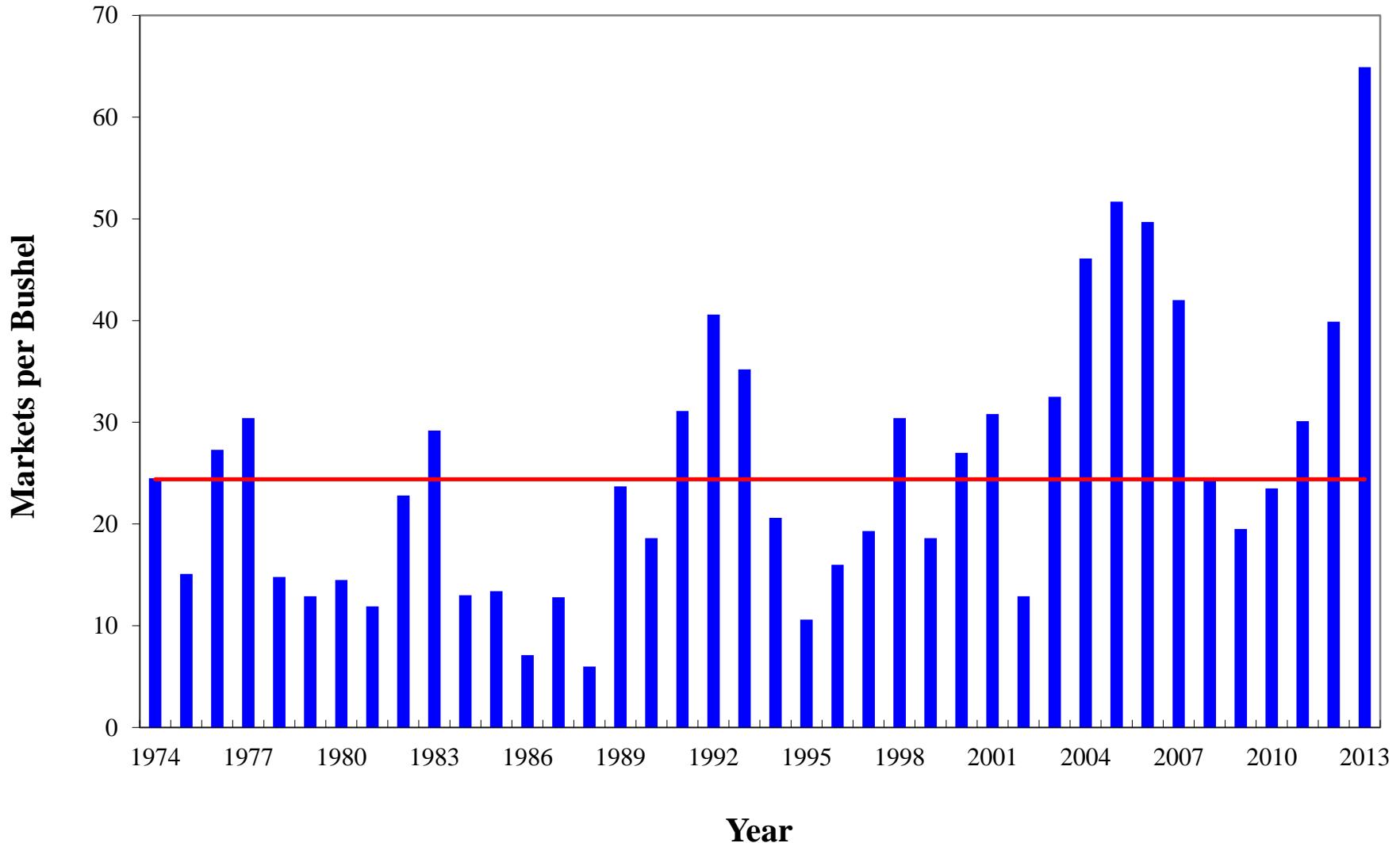
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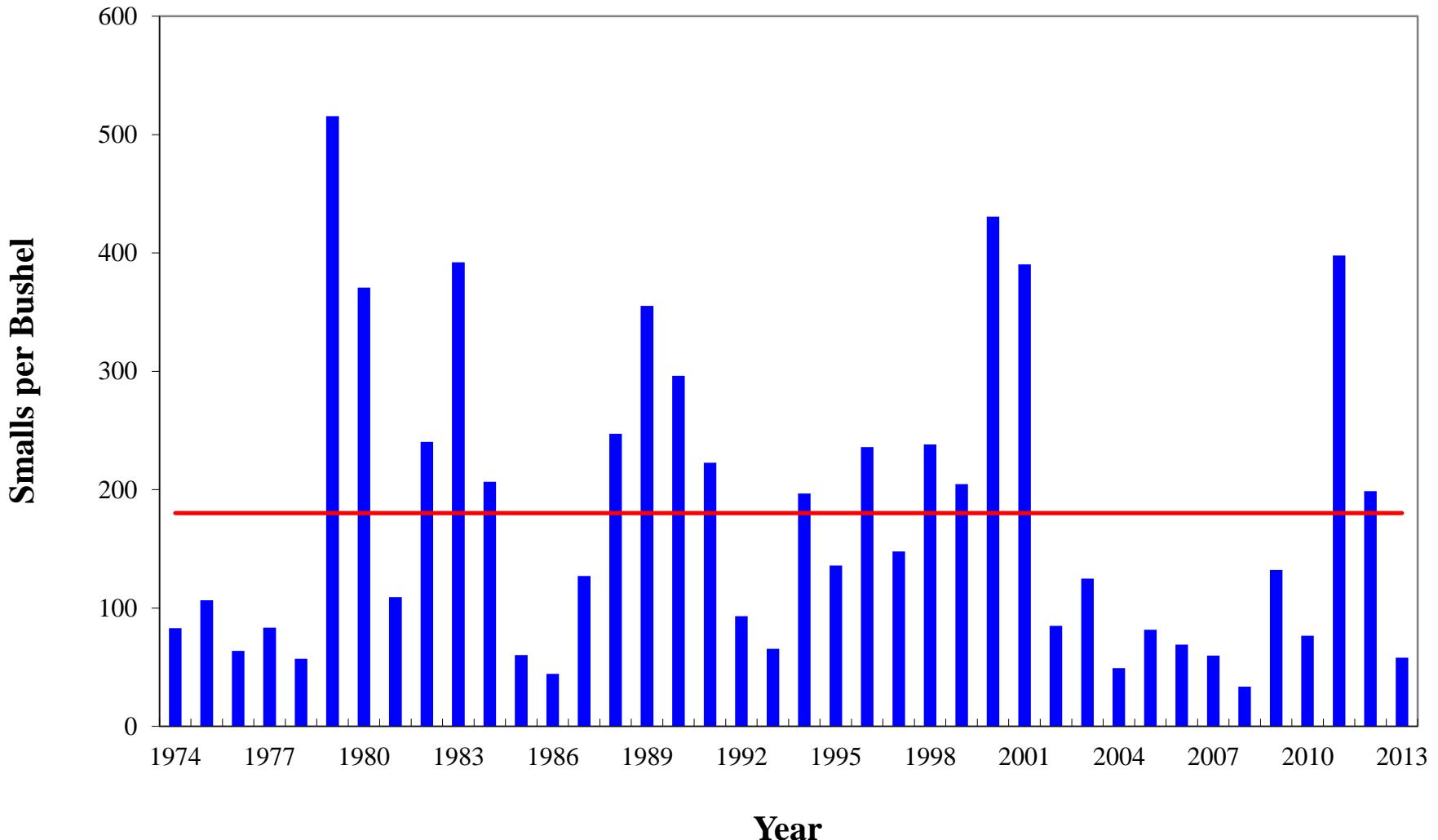
# Average Number of Oysters on the Ridge (Markets + Smalls)



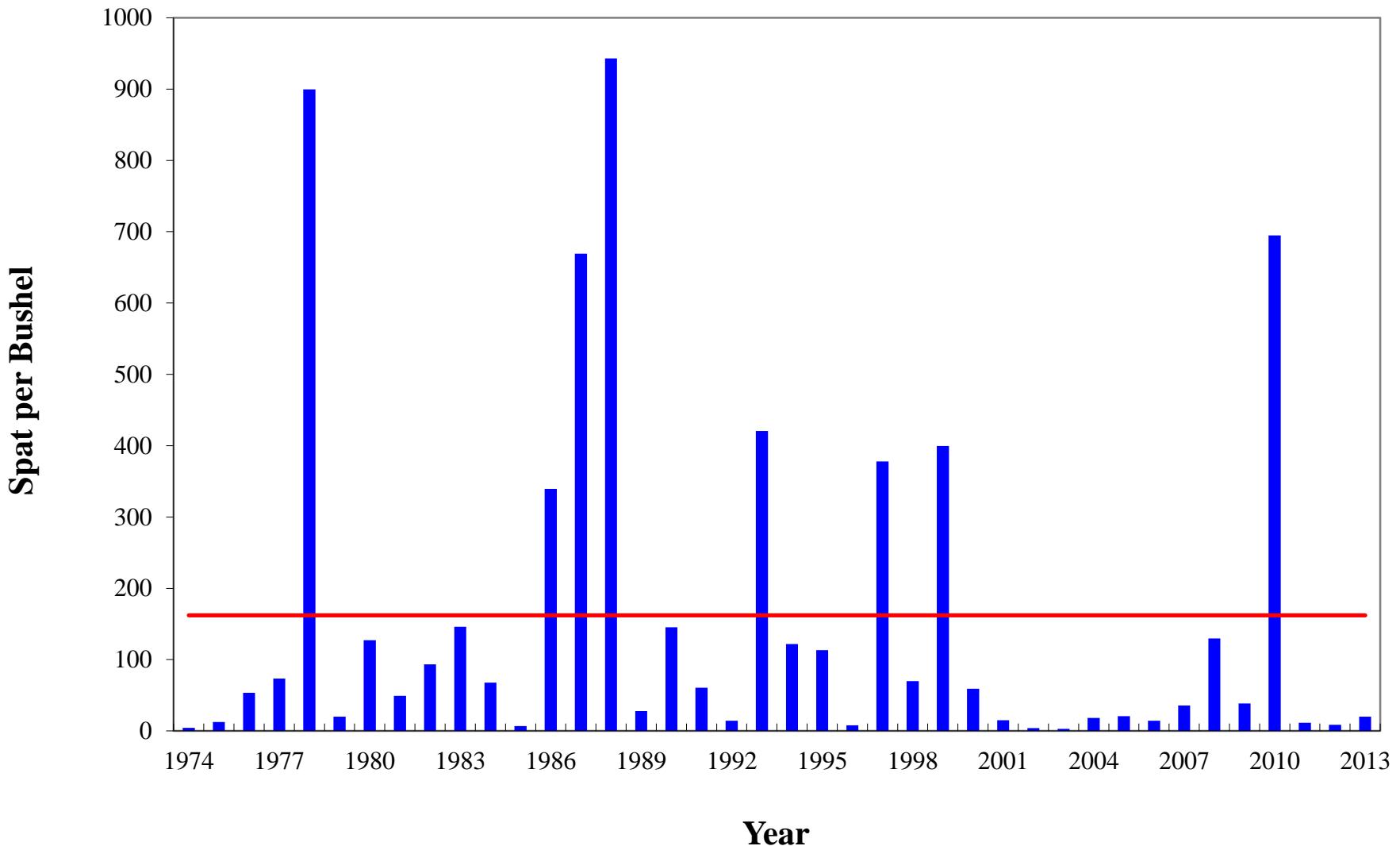
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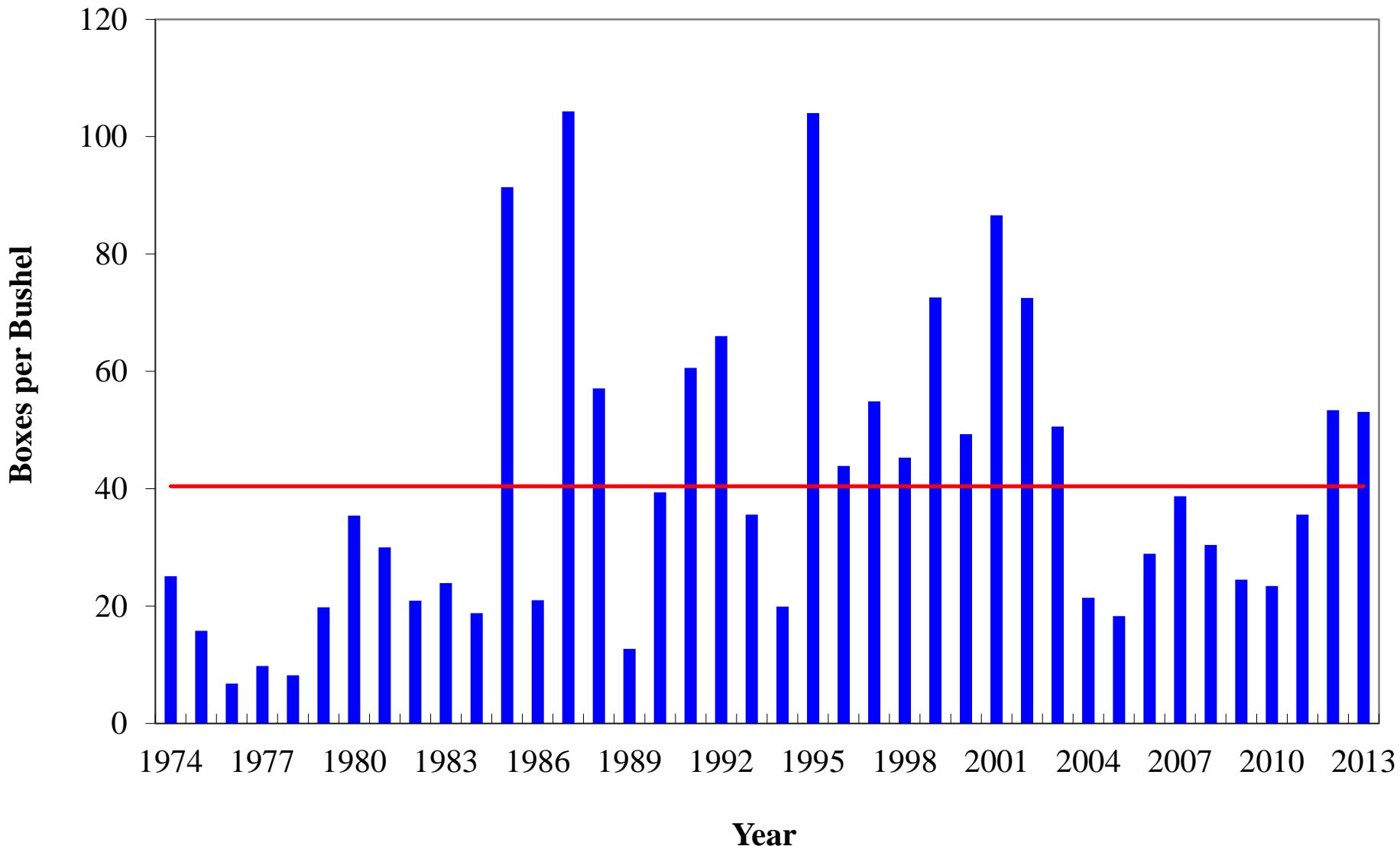
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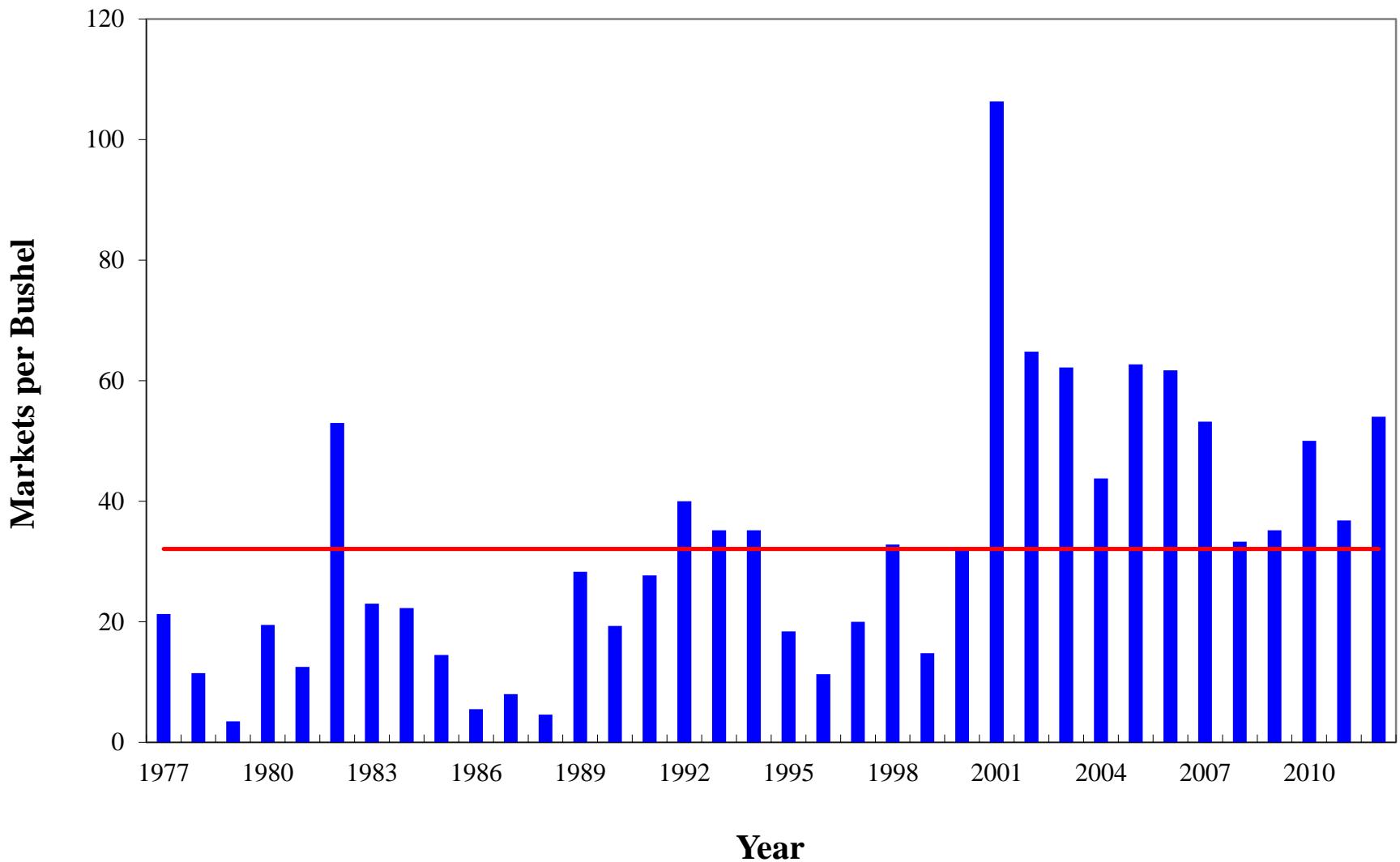
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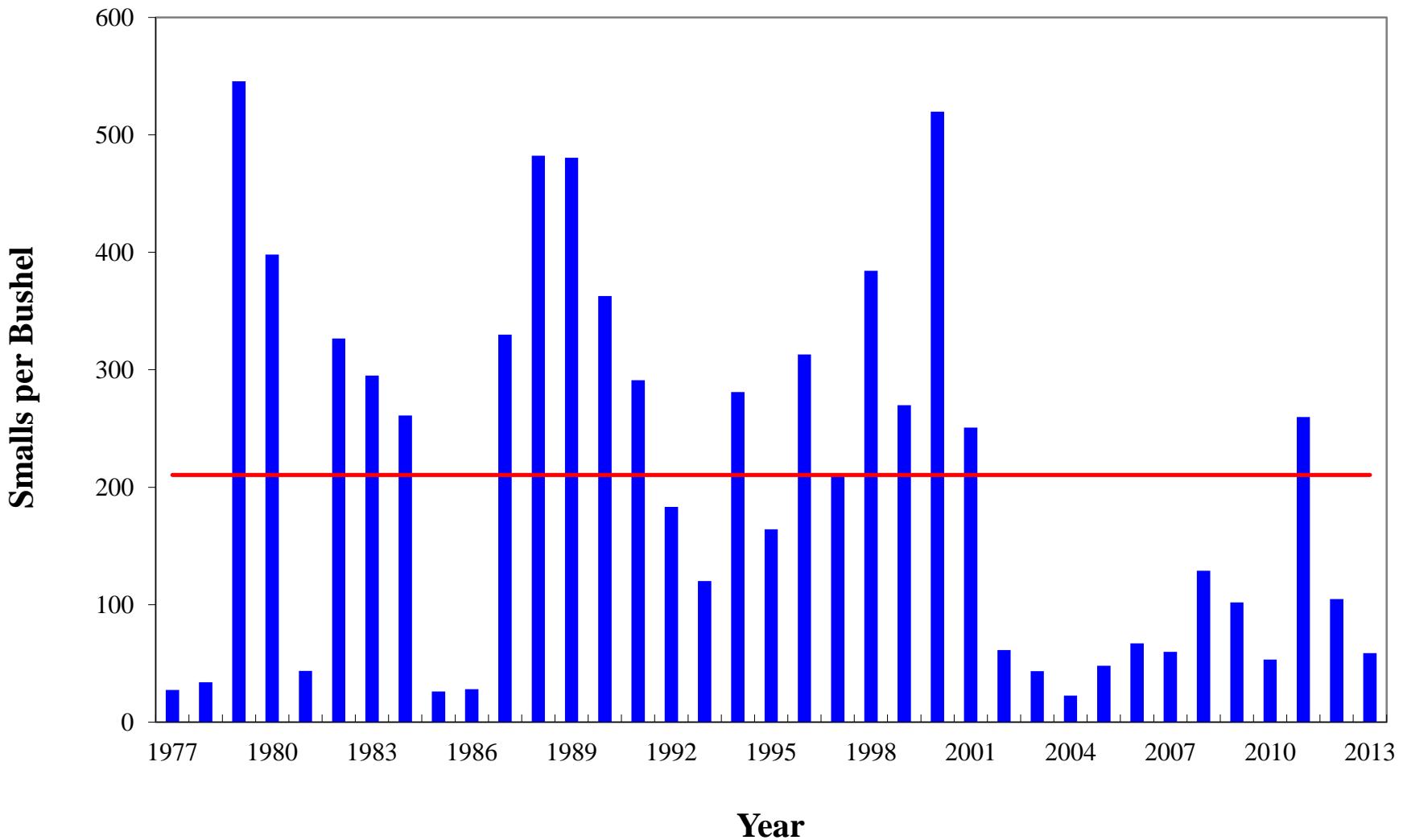
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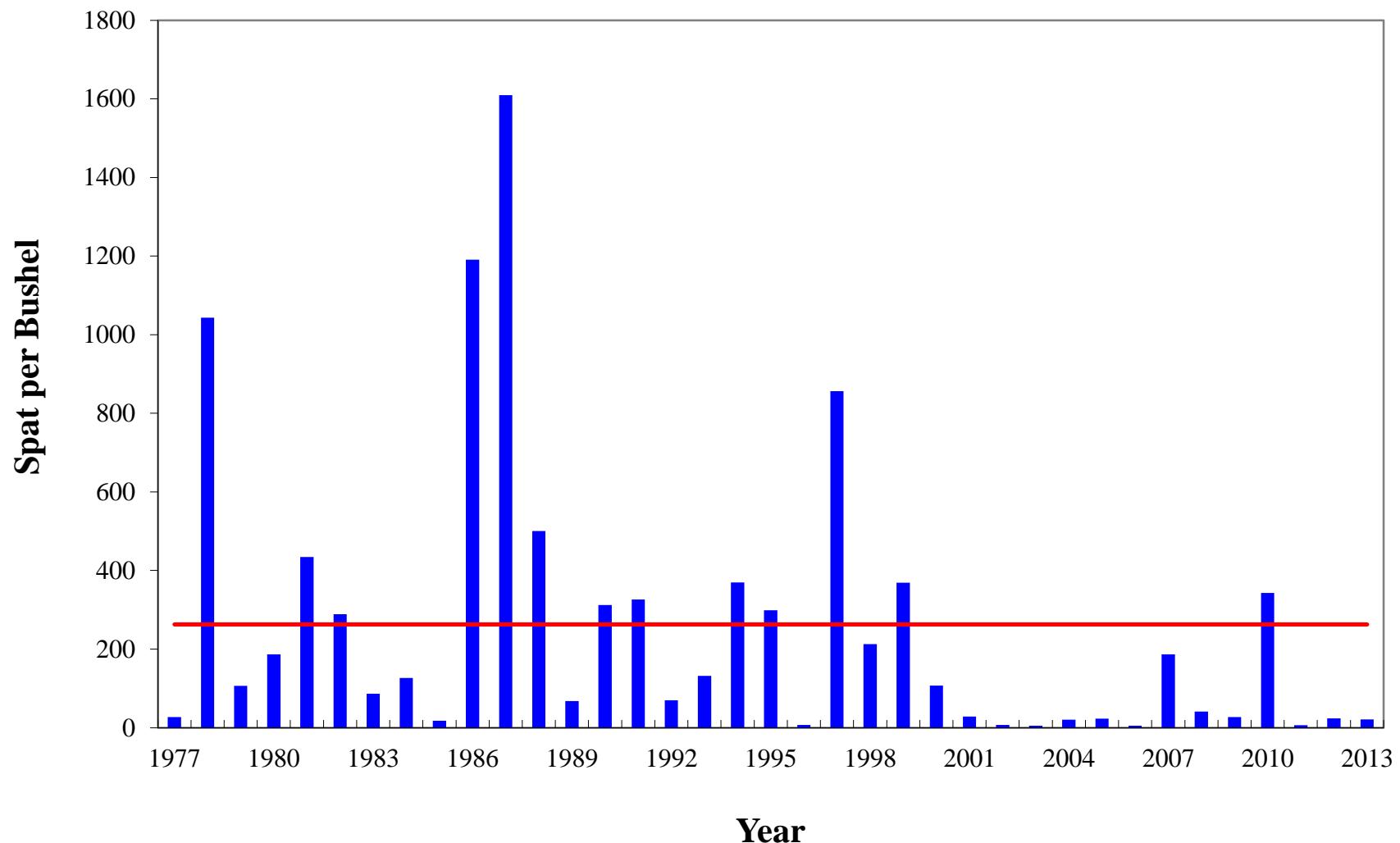
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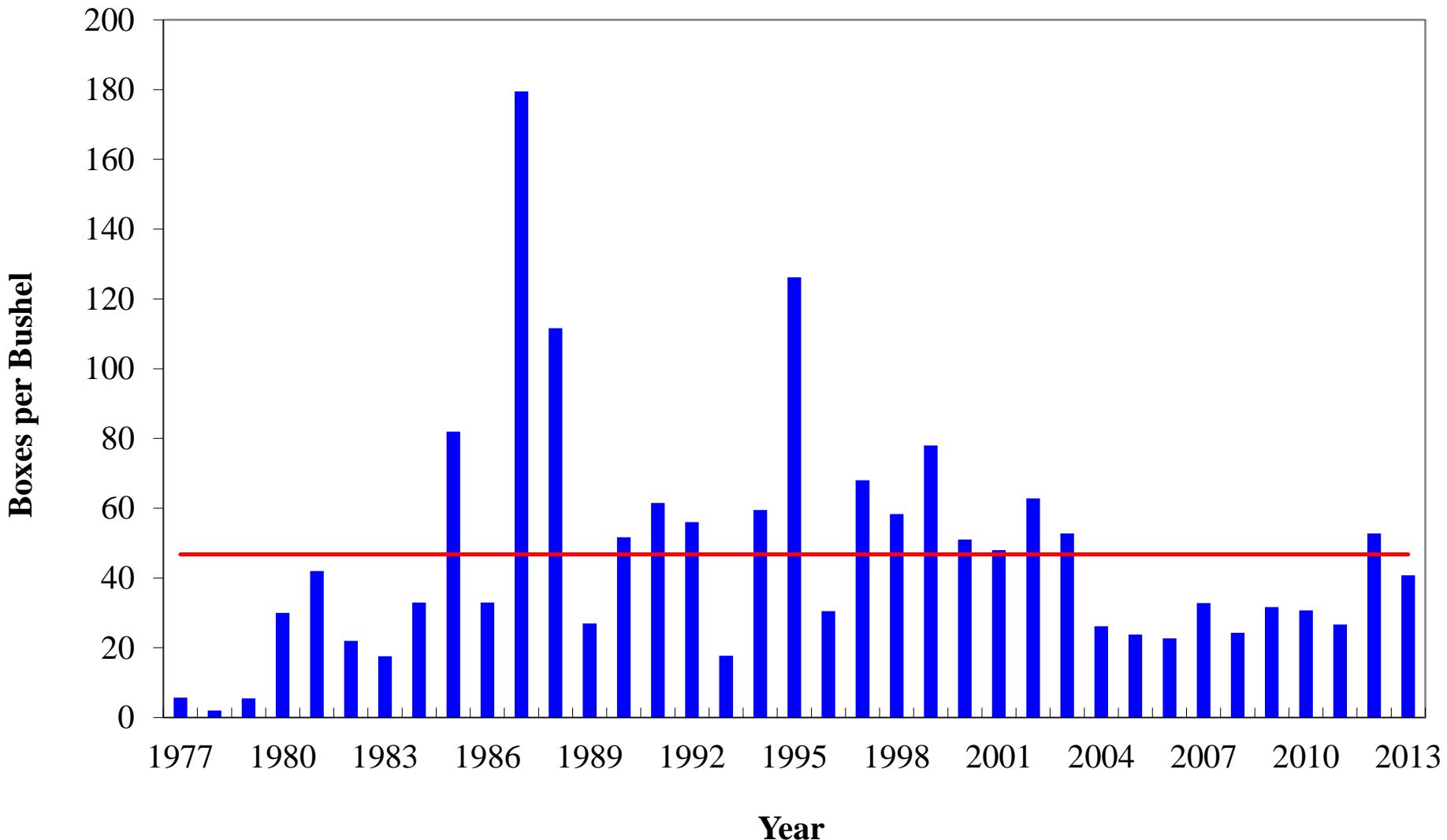
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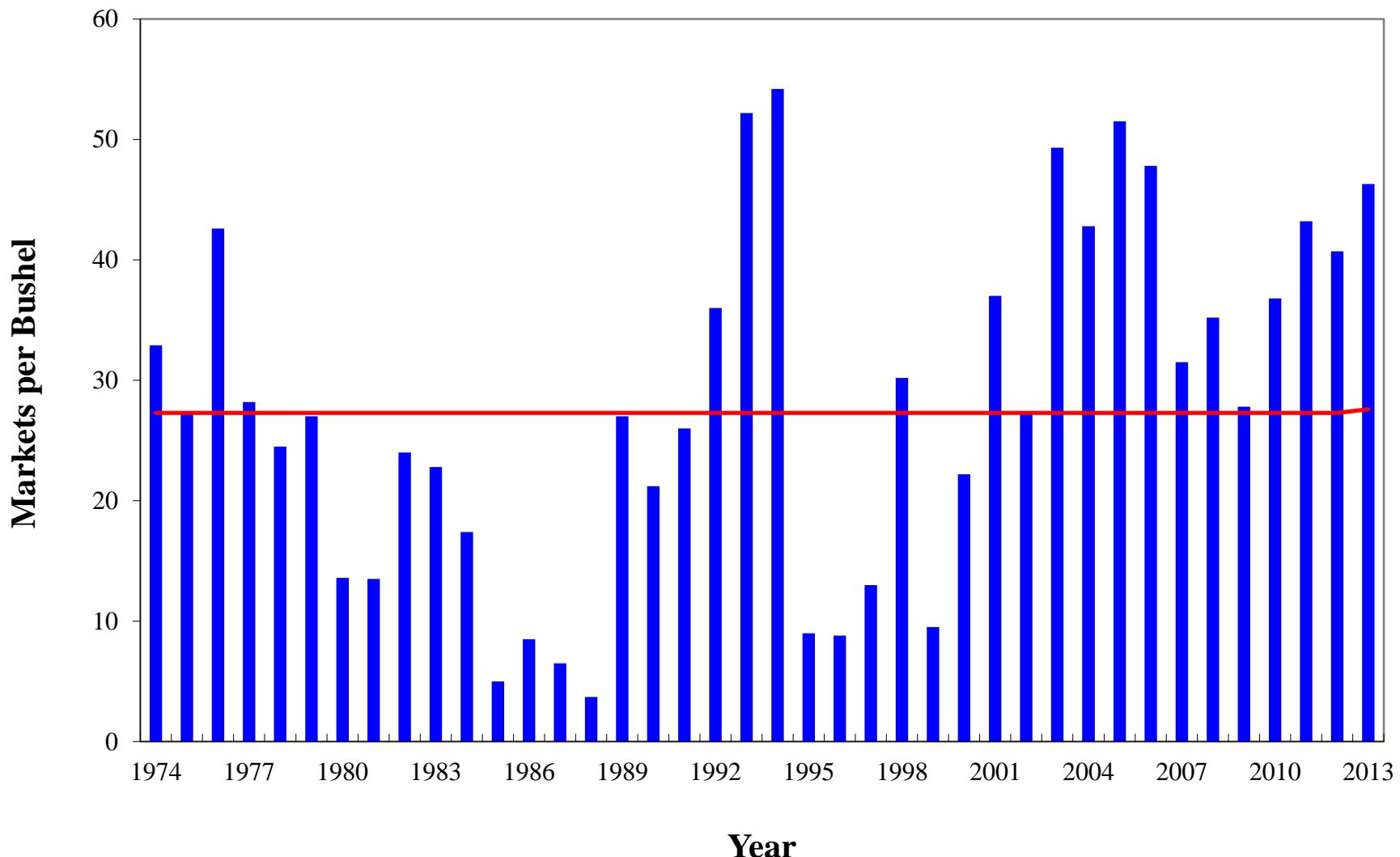
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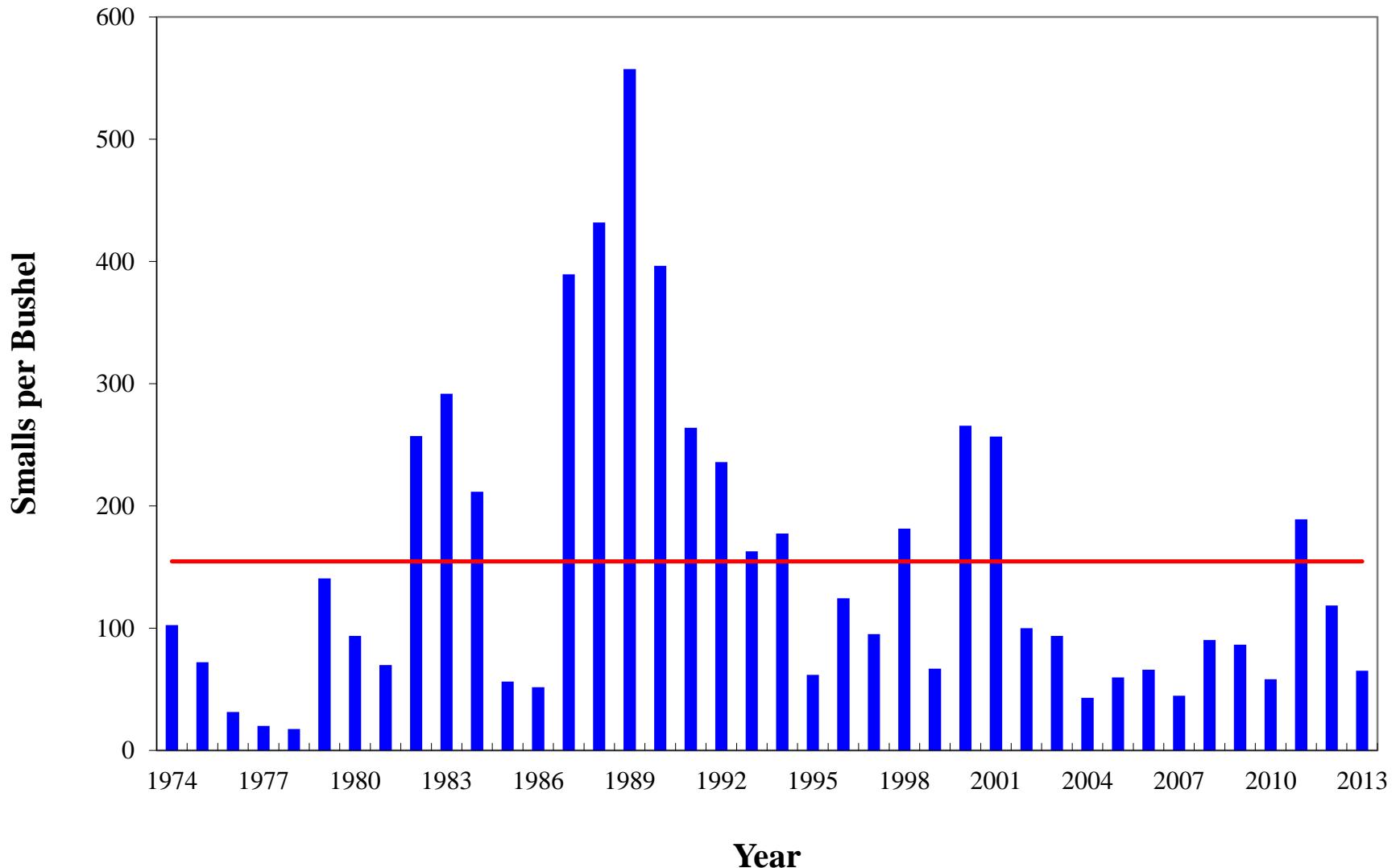
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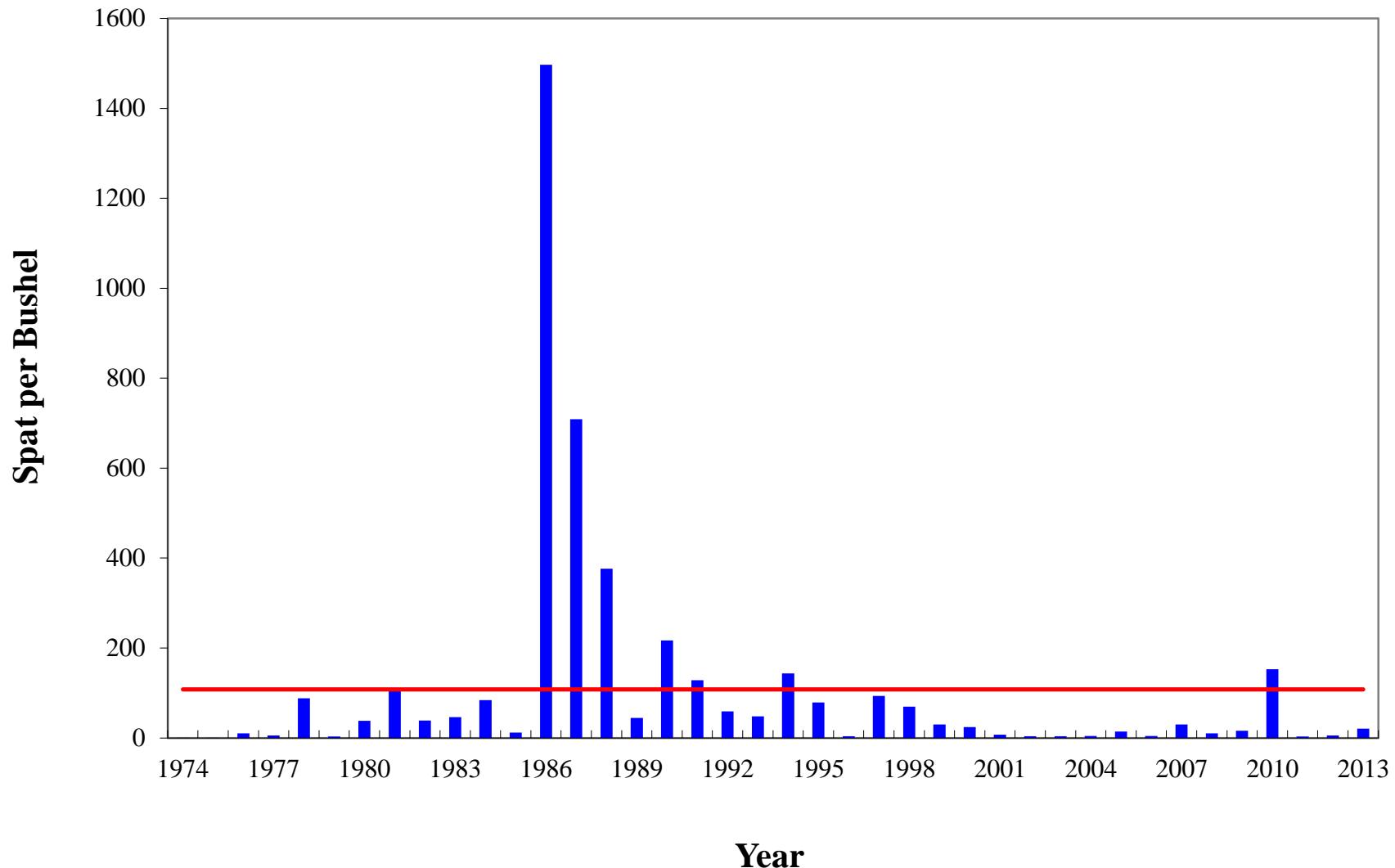
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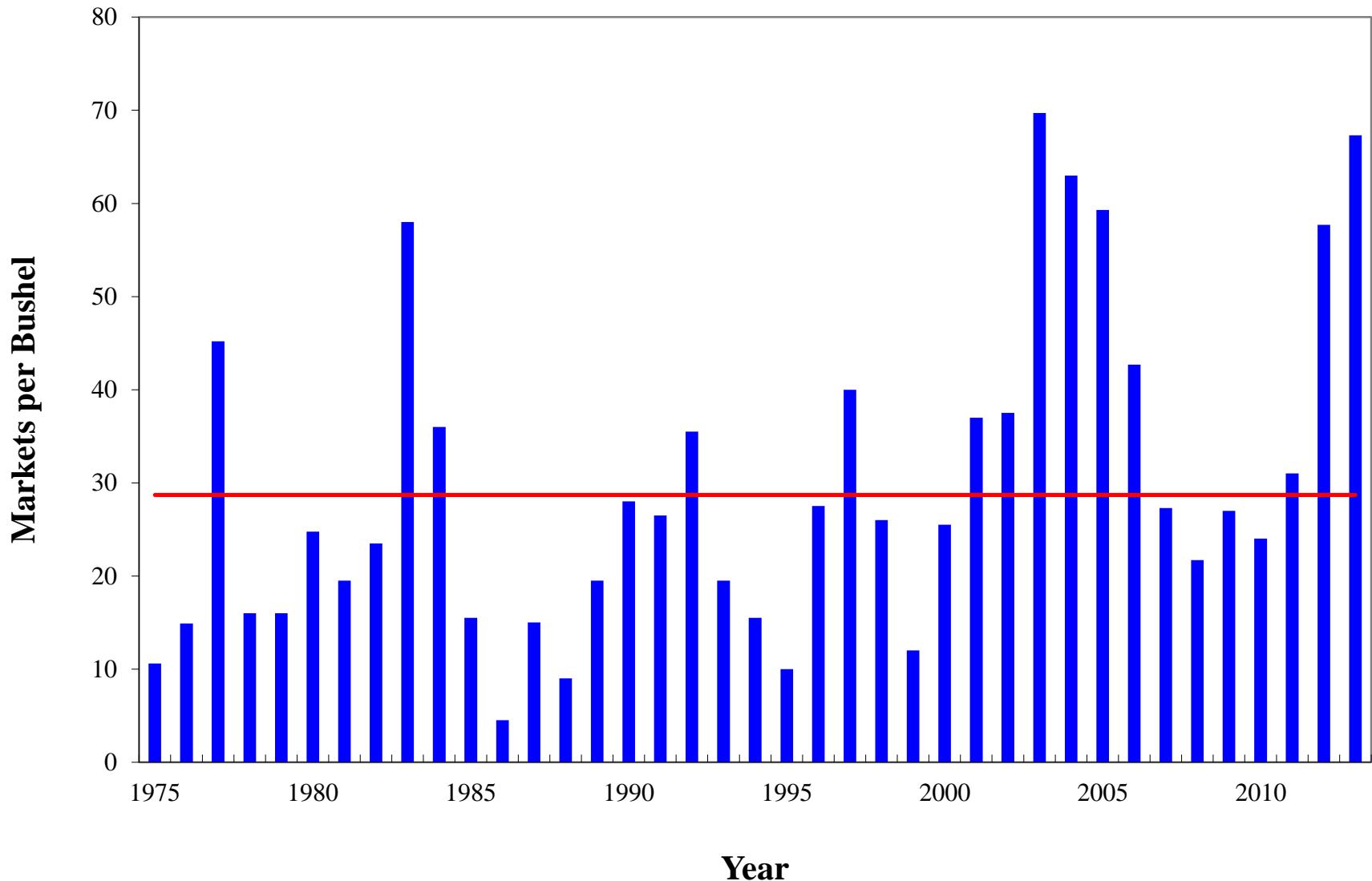
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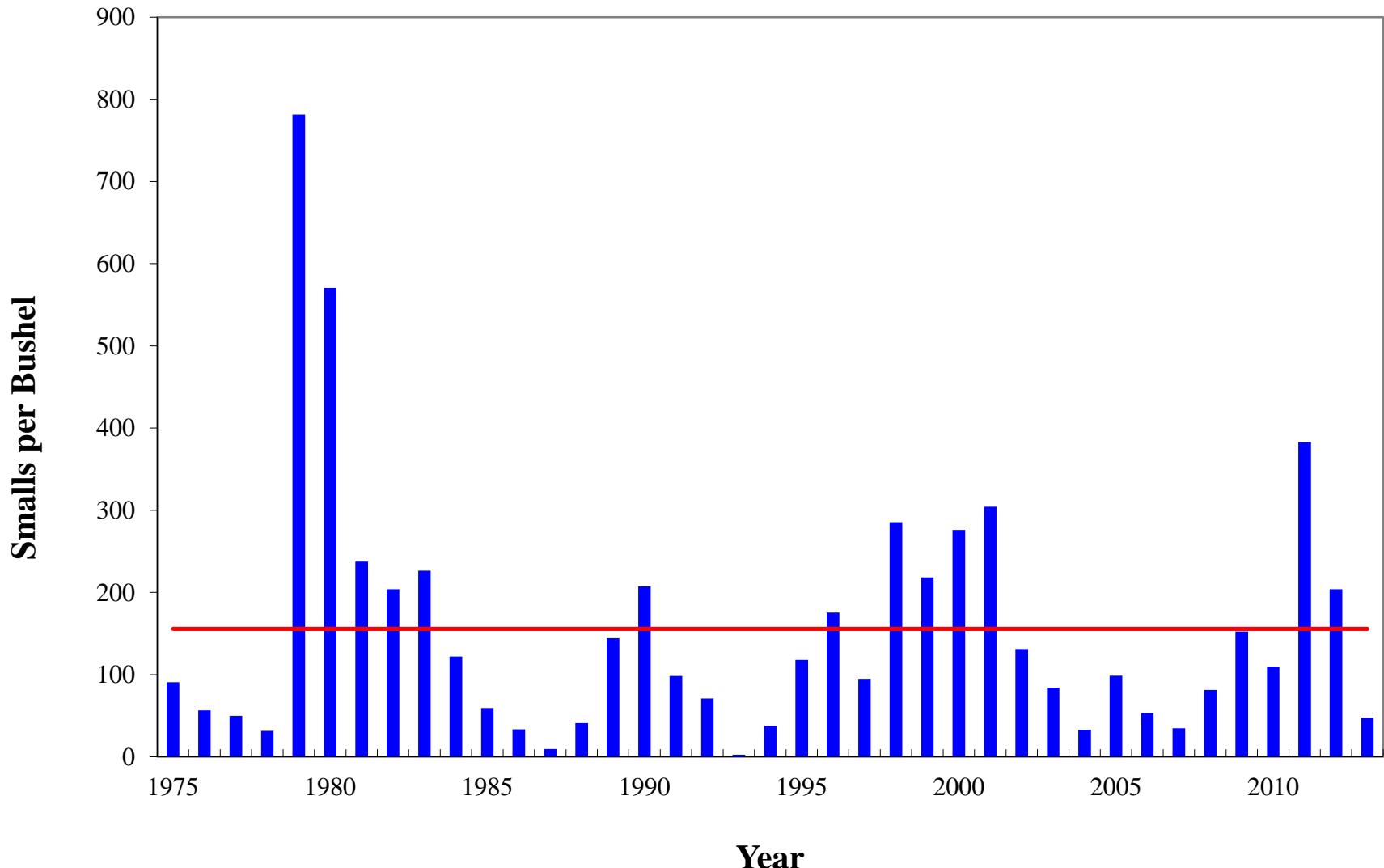
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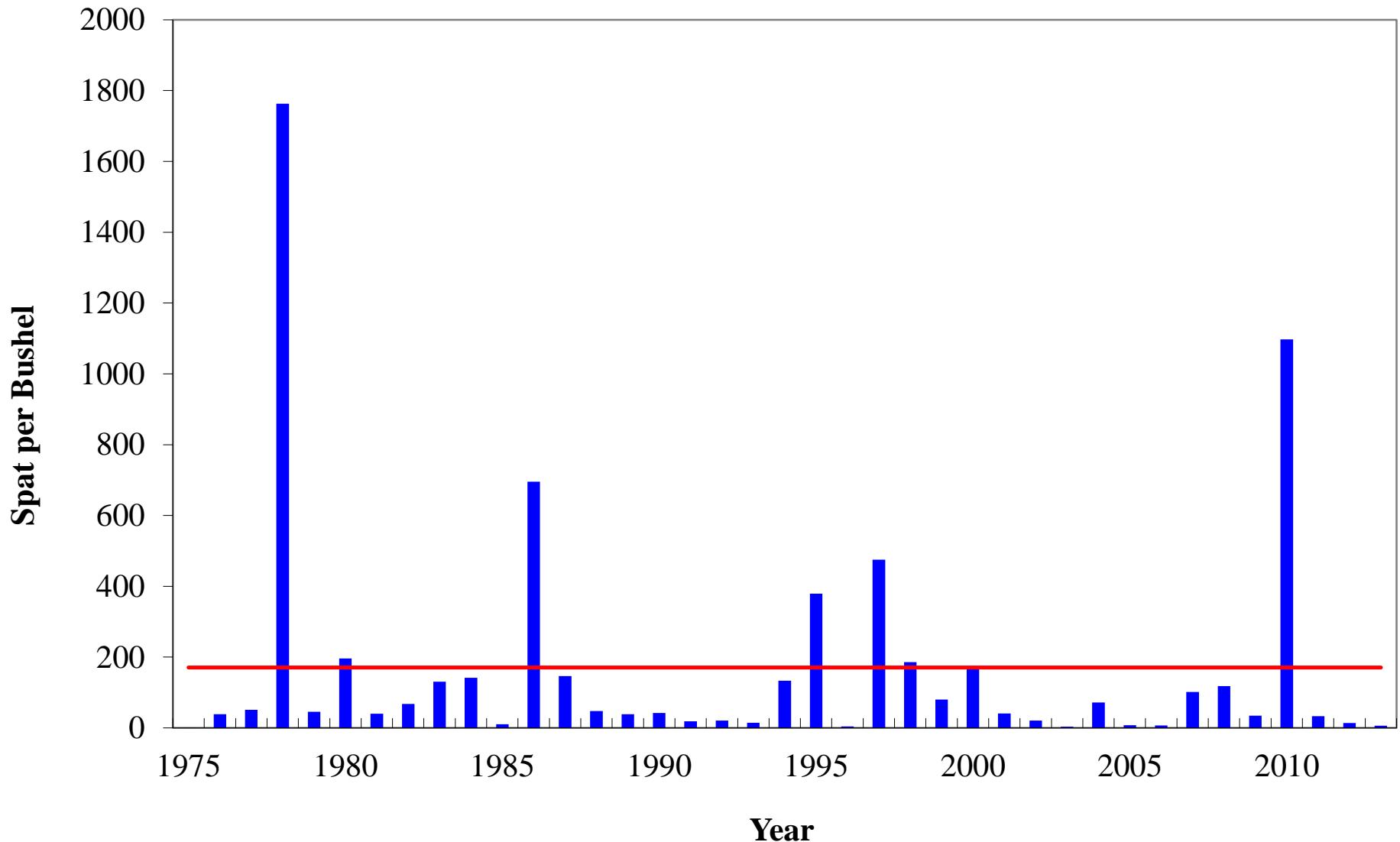
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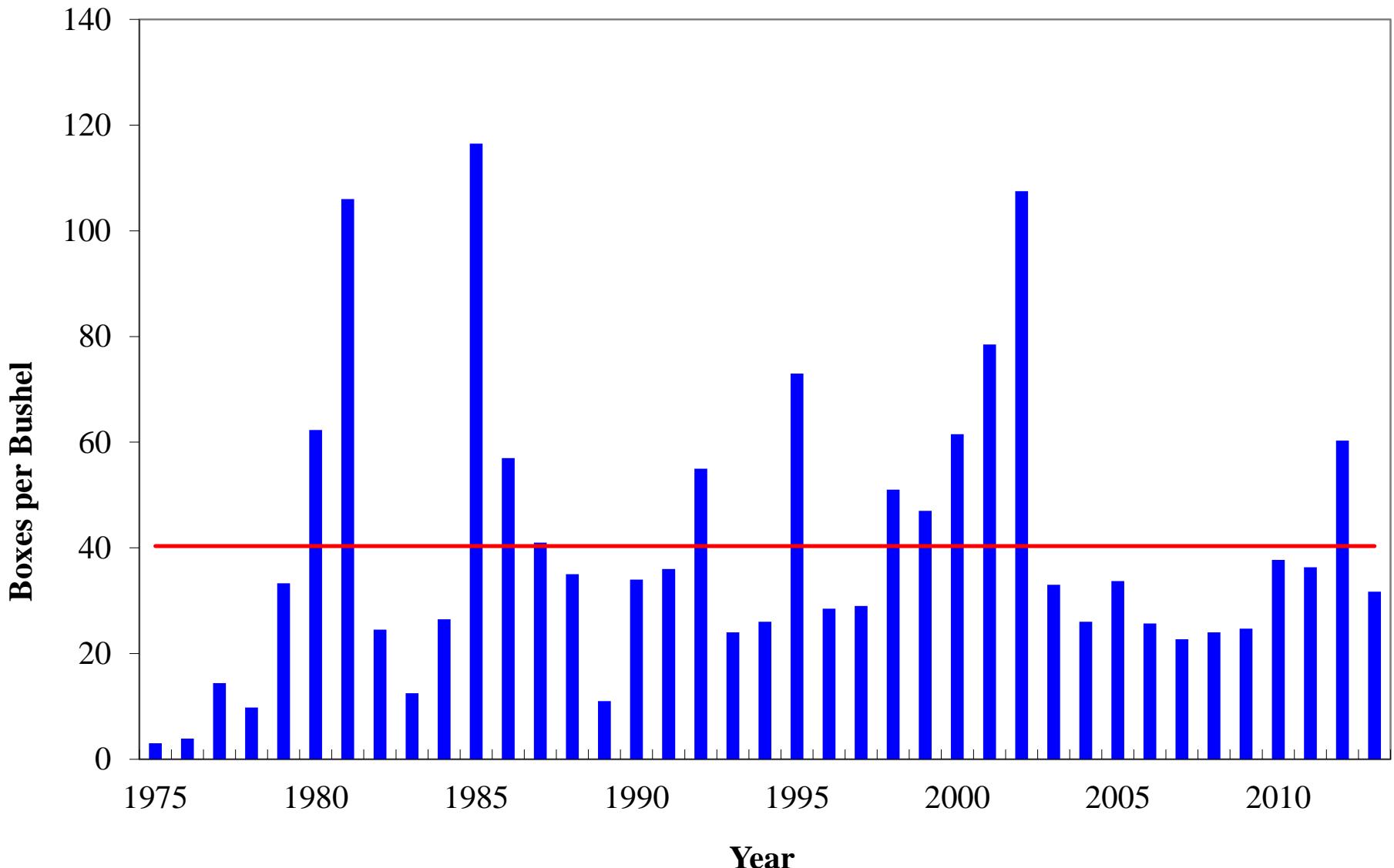
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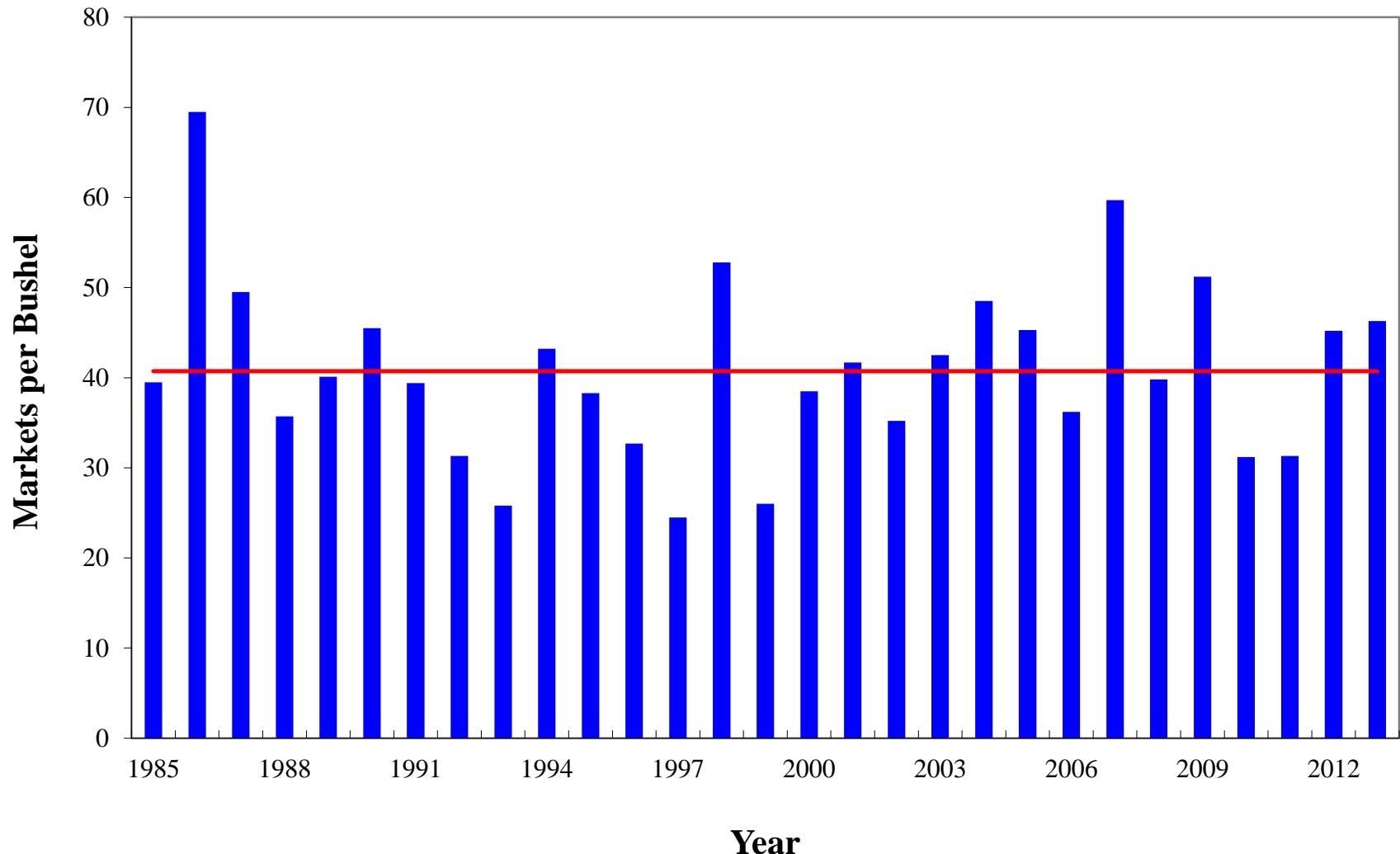
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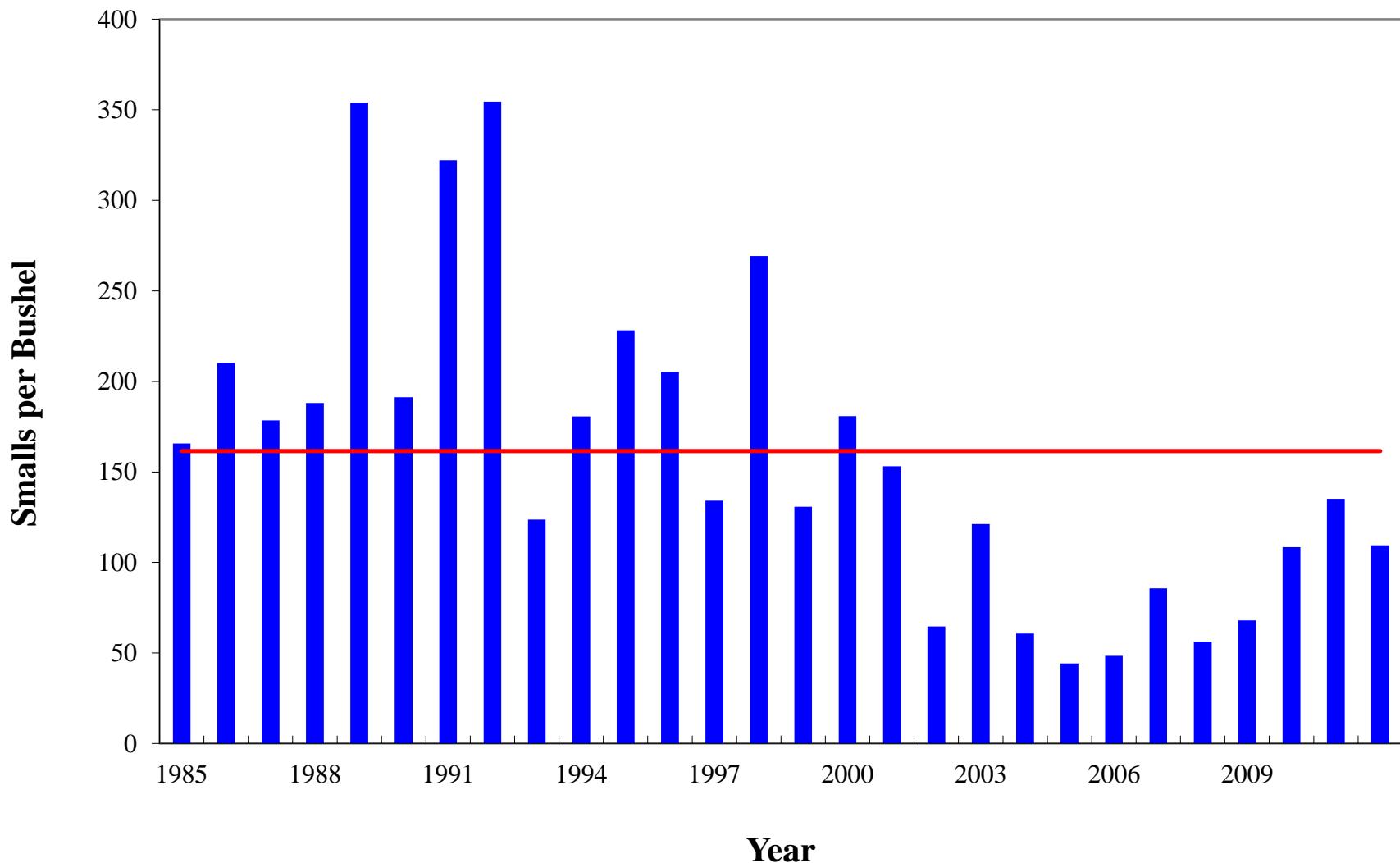
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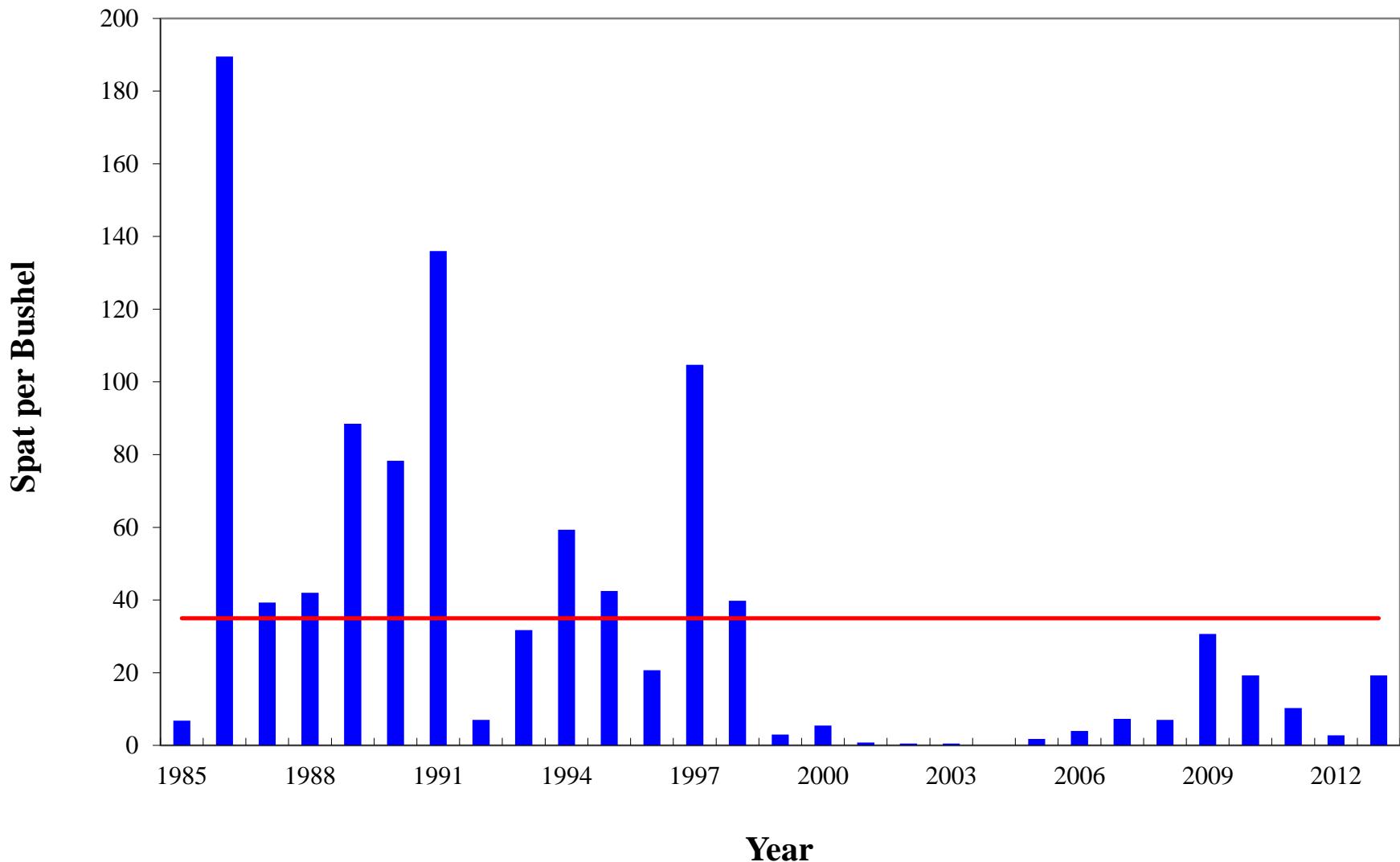
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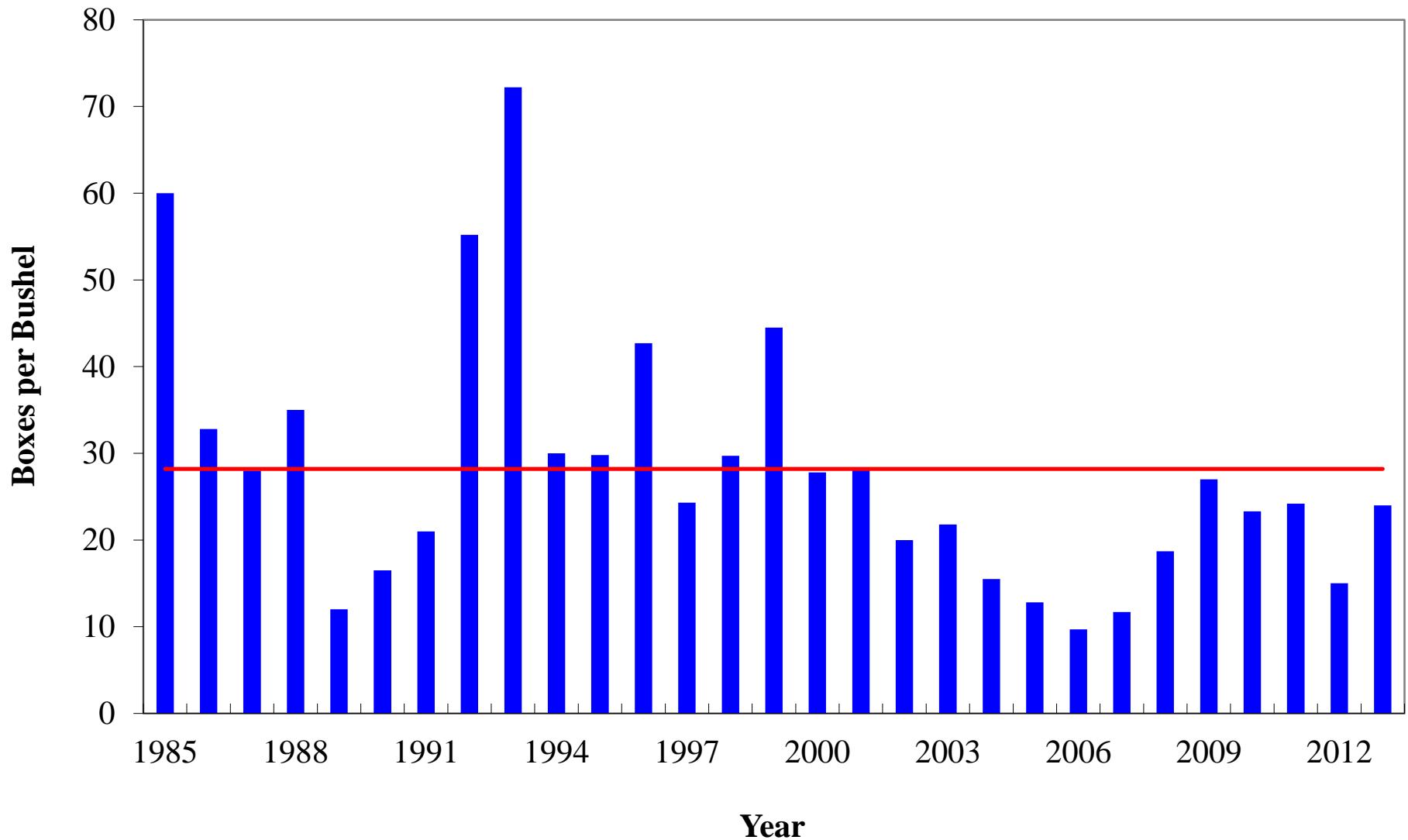
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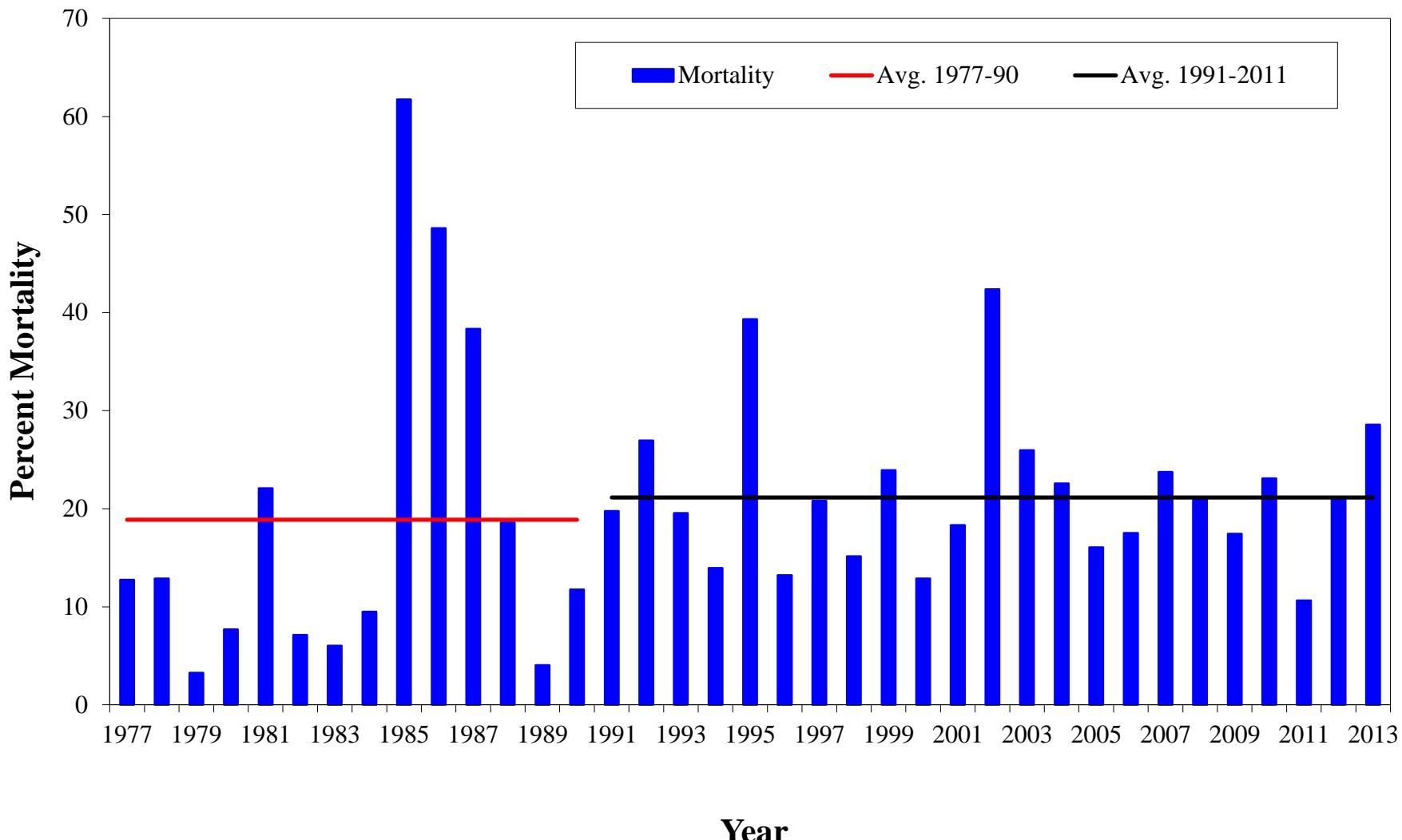
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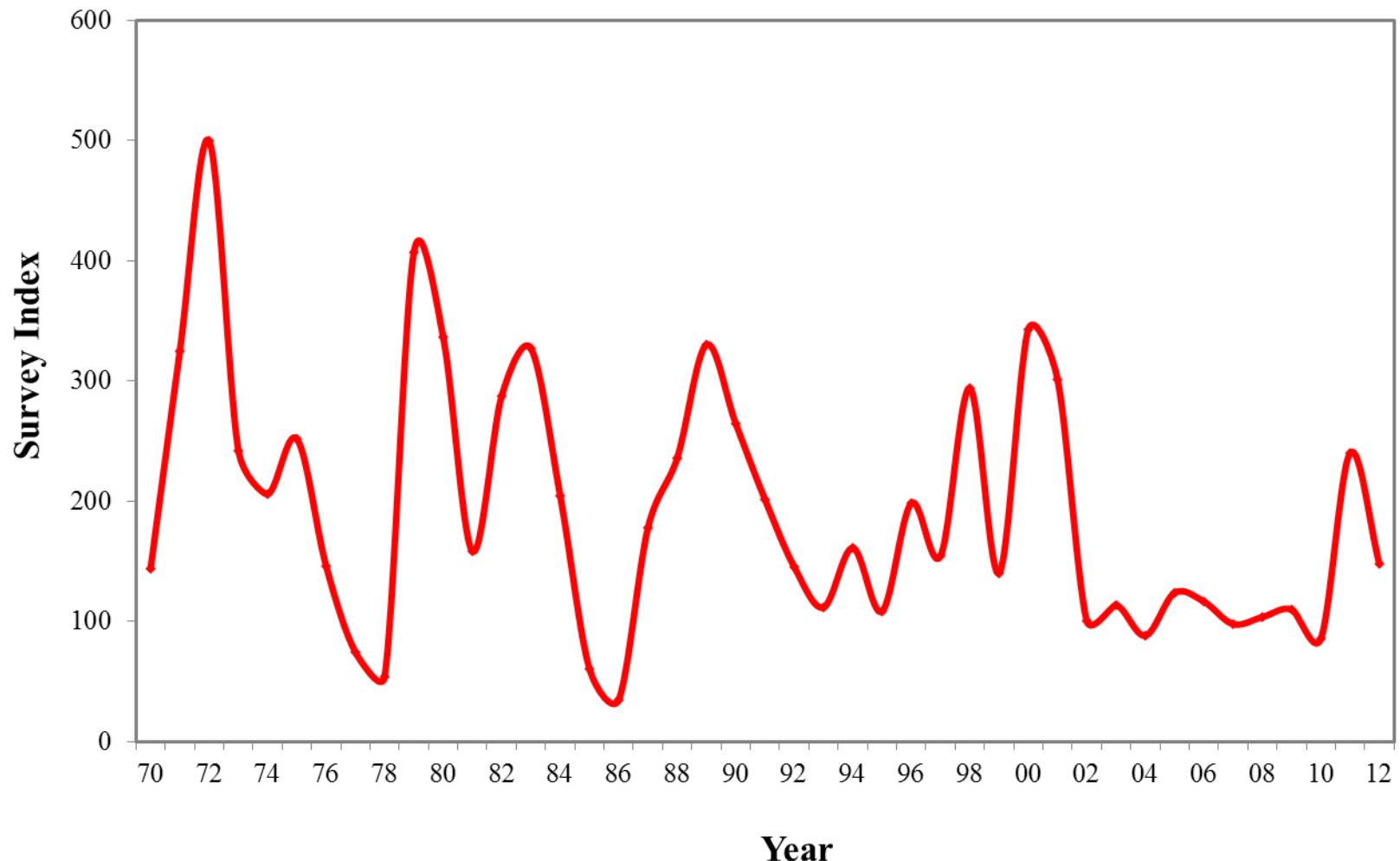
# Woodland Beach Boxes per Bushel



## Average Annual Mortality (smalls + markets)



## Survey Index Over Time (Mean # small + market / bushel)

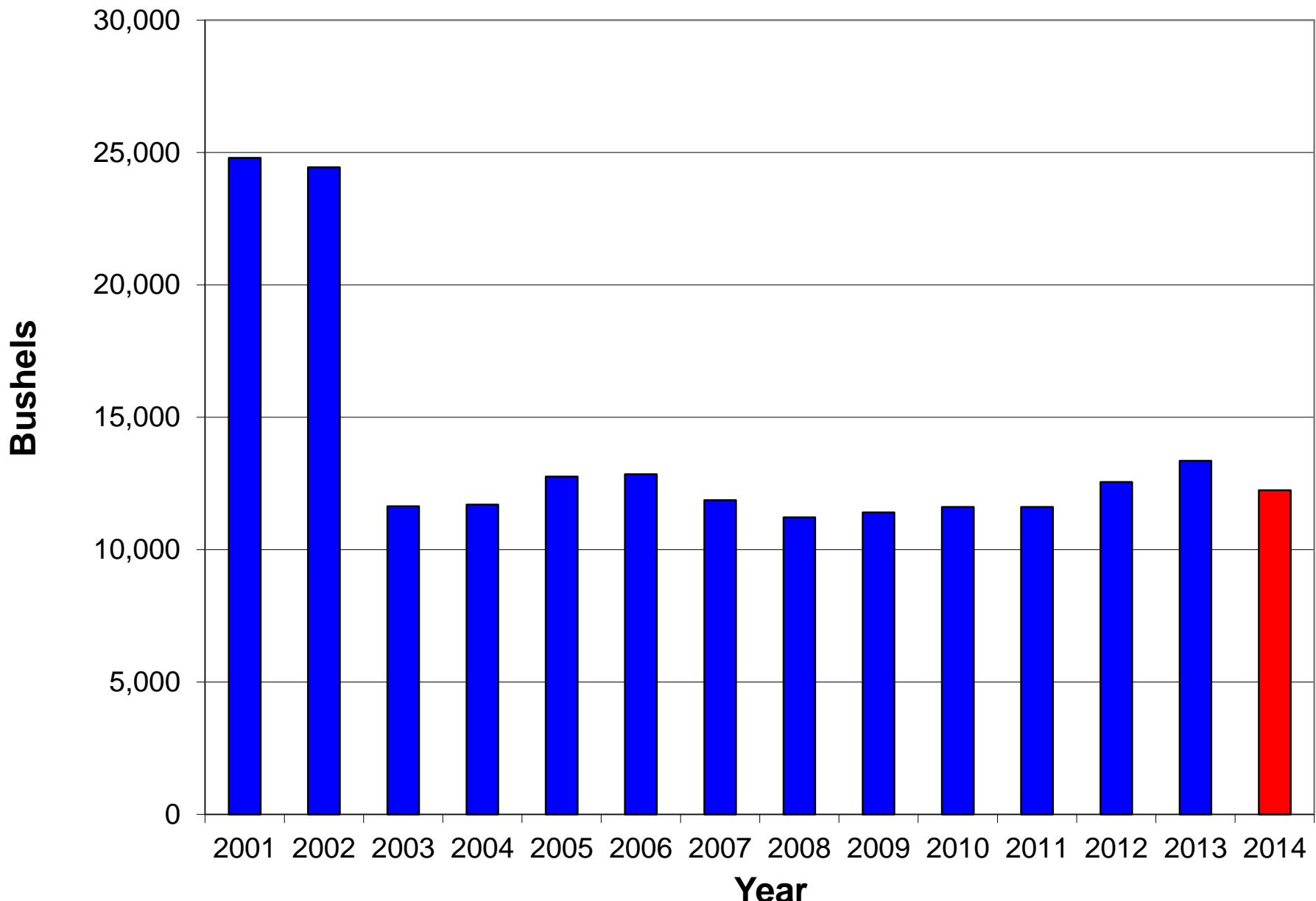


# Percentage of oysters greater than or equal to 2.75" and 3"

<b>Bed</b>	<b>% &gt; 2.75"</b>	<b>% &gt; 3"</b>
Ridge	50.00	36.51
Silver Bed	46.65	35.28
Over-the-Bar	46.90	34.51
Lower Middle	59.20	49.40
Drum Bed	50.58	41.86
<b>Average</b>	<b>50.67</b>	<b>39.51</b>

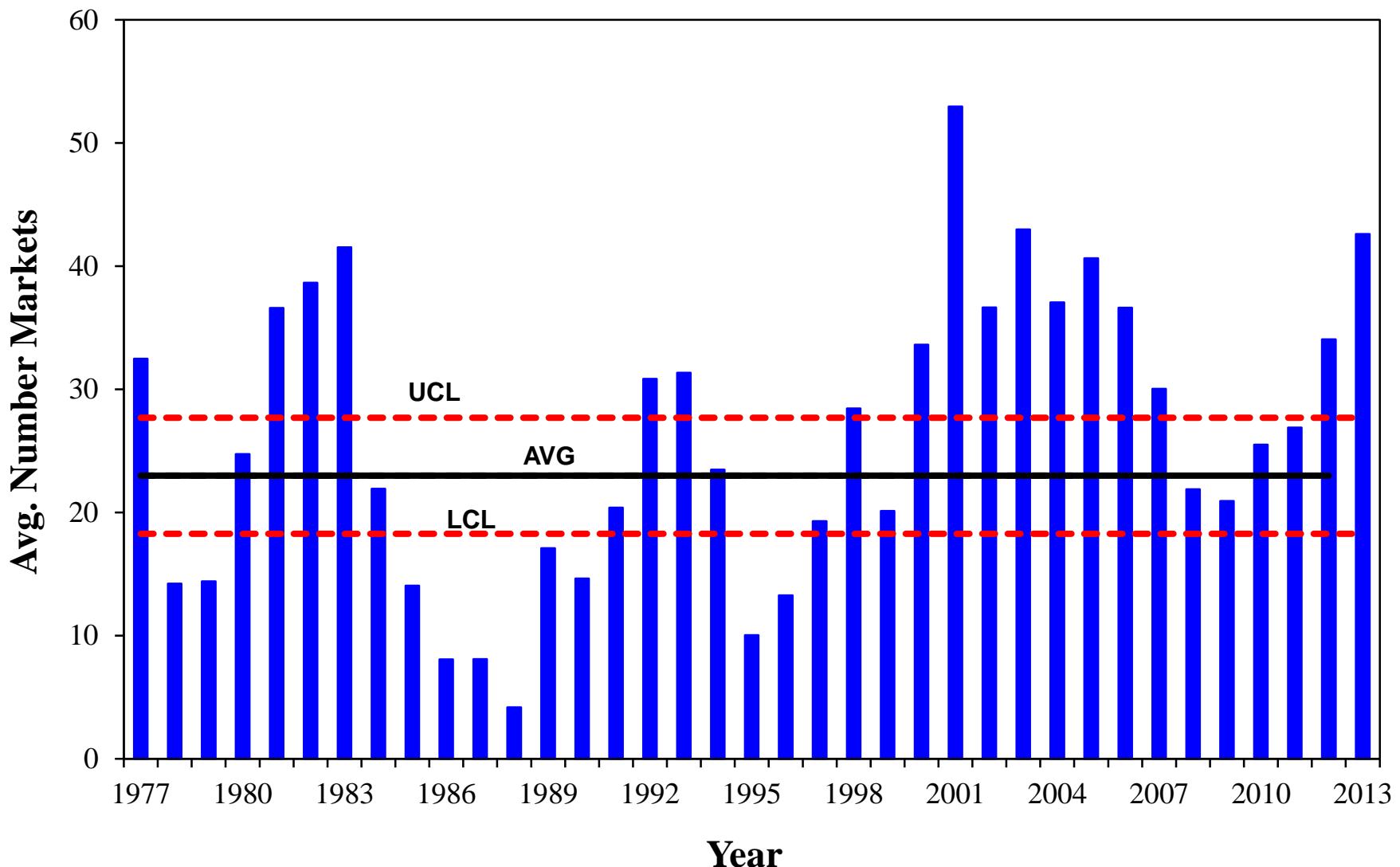
- Quota is based on the relationship between oyster harvest and the fall survey index from 1977-95.
- 2014 quota = 12,245 bushels

## Annual Oyster Quota 2001-2014



# Pooled Average Number of Markets

(Upper C.I., Long-term Average (1977-2001), Lower C.I.)



**SEASON**

May 5 - June 23

Sep 1 – Dec 31

**QUOTA**

12,245 bushels